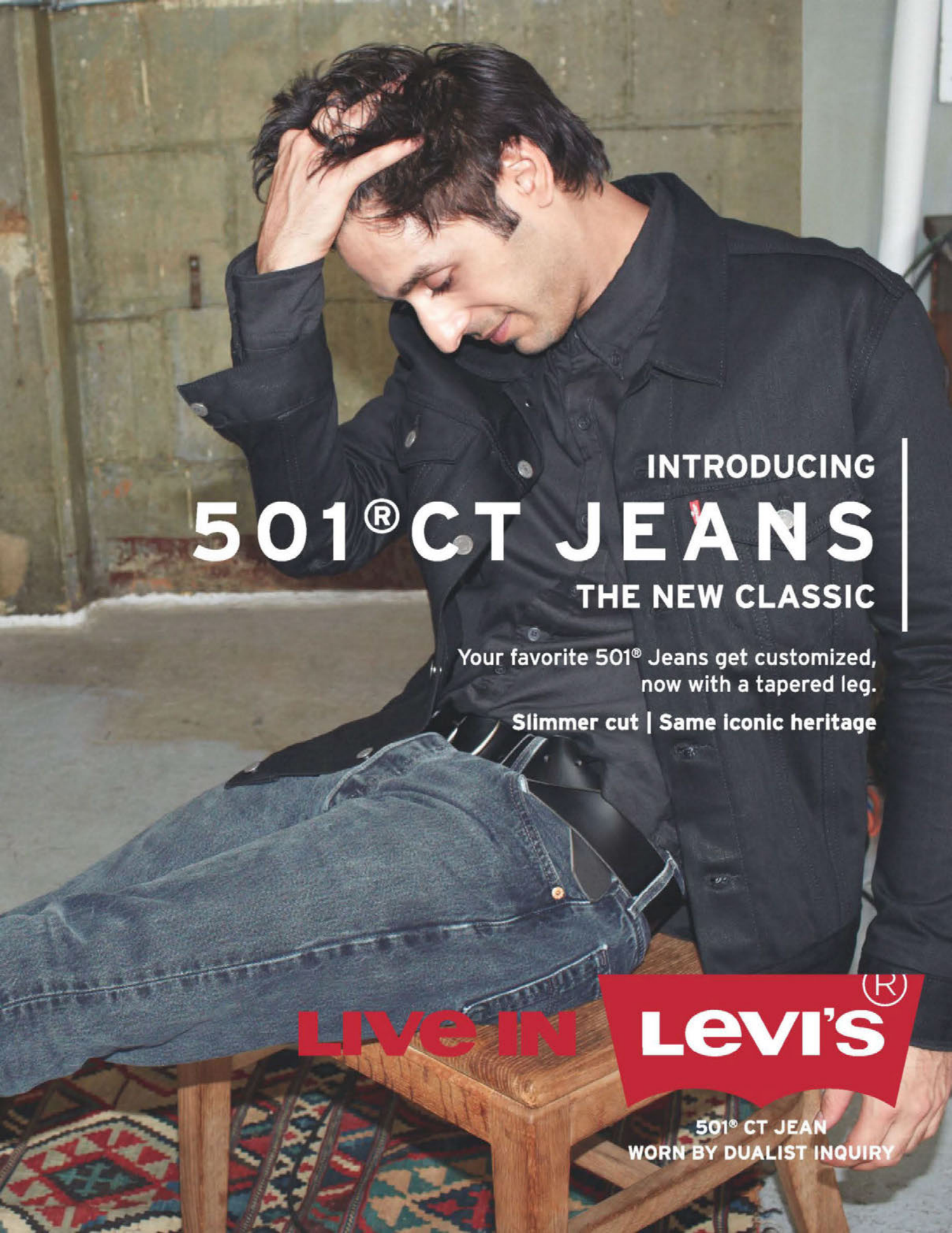

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

We are back to our good ol' ways with the hottie Evelyn on the cover. Yay!
Our first man cover in 8 years was duly appreciated by you guys and it shows us that your mind is still intact up there and not in the pants. So, for this time, we are ready with one more hell of an issue with games, cars and gadgets and of course, the GIRLS! Well, we can't keep our mind in a sane zone always. Can we? We unraveled your worst sex fears last time and this time we try and find out from all you married guys on How Affair Ready Are you (pg 22). But how about first getting you nostalgic and having you go down the memory lane to remember the best cartoons we cherished in our childhood (pg 24).
The NRI sex-symbol of India, Evelyn Sharma, has come onboard for her very first appearance in FHM. And we never wanted to come back (who would leave Evelyn any way) and write this piece but you know how things are for us journalists. Any way, we had a great conversation and a hot shoot, where she also revealed the secrets behind her hotness. Flip to page 72 to burn!
March is the month when we all go broke but there is always a little scope to splurge. And when it comes to cars and girls, we have always had to loosen our purse strings, isn't it? Skoda has relaunched their Yeti and Mini have brought back the vintage in Cooper. (pg 46). Go ahead and make your pick. But some other picks are not as easy to make, especially when it comes to buying her a gift. So if you suck at that too, refer to the Cool Materials (pg 86) and make her happy. For the friends who want to plan a vacation, we have listed some of the best adventure sports in Las Vegas. Indulge now or else, you will have no stories to tell your grandchildren. But while you hit the road or air or water or whatever to get to sensational LA… keep the magazine at a safe distance so that you don't burn a hole through it.

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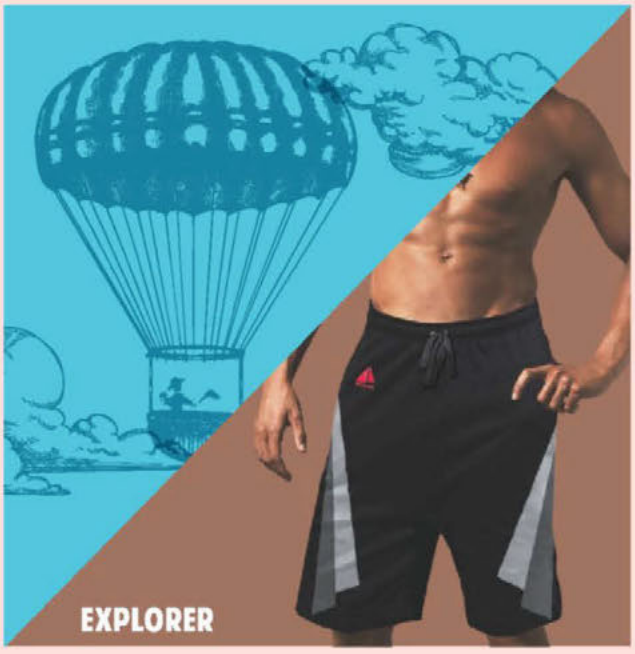
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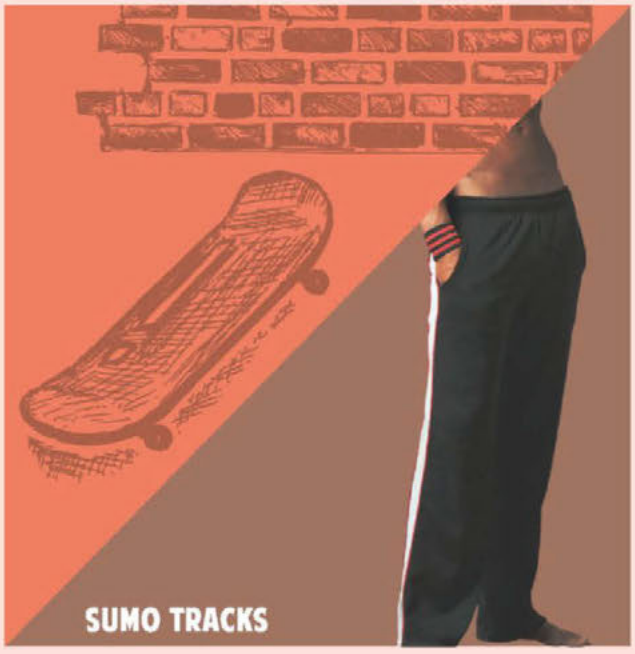
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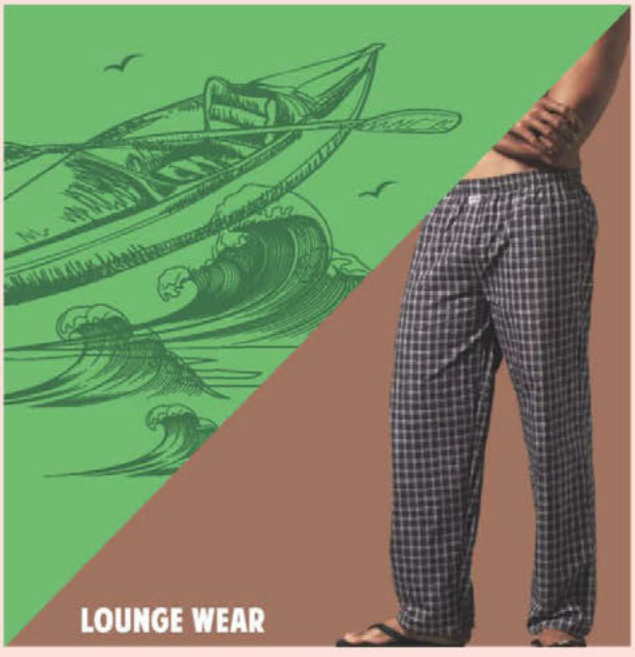
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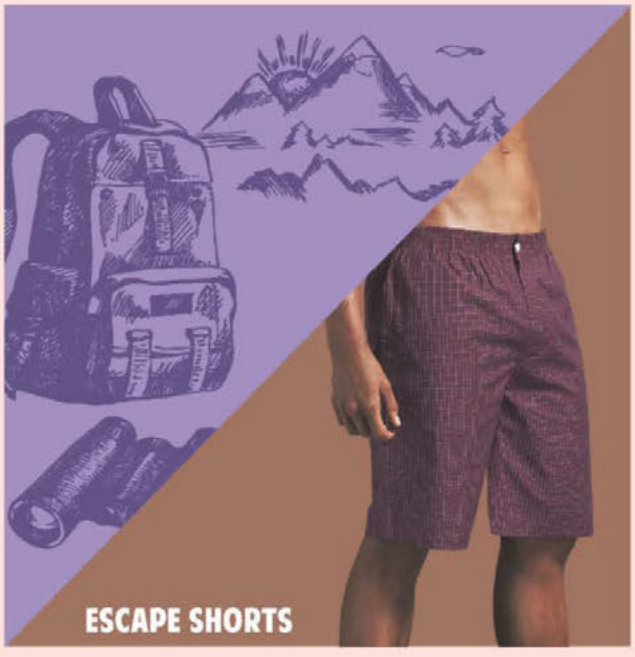
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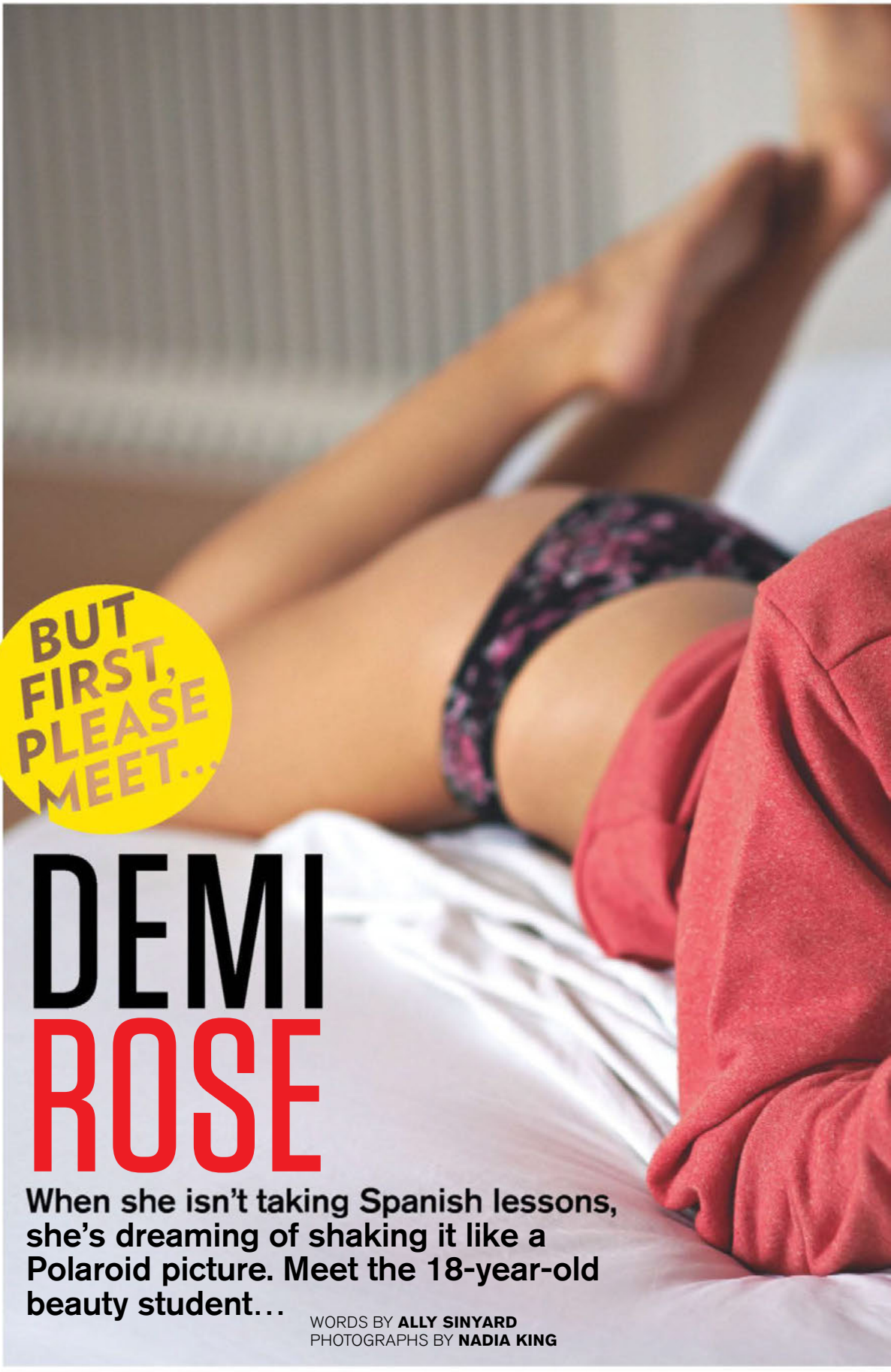
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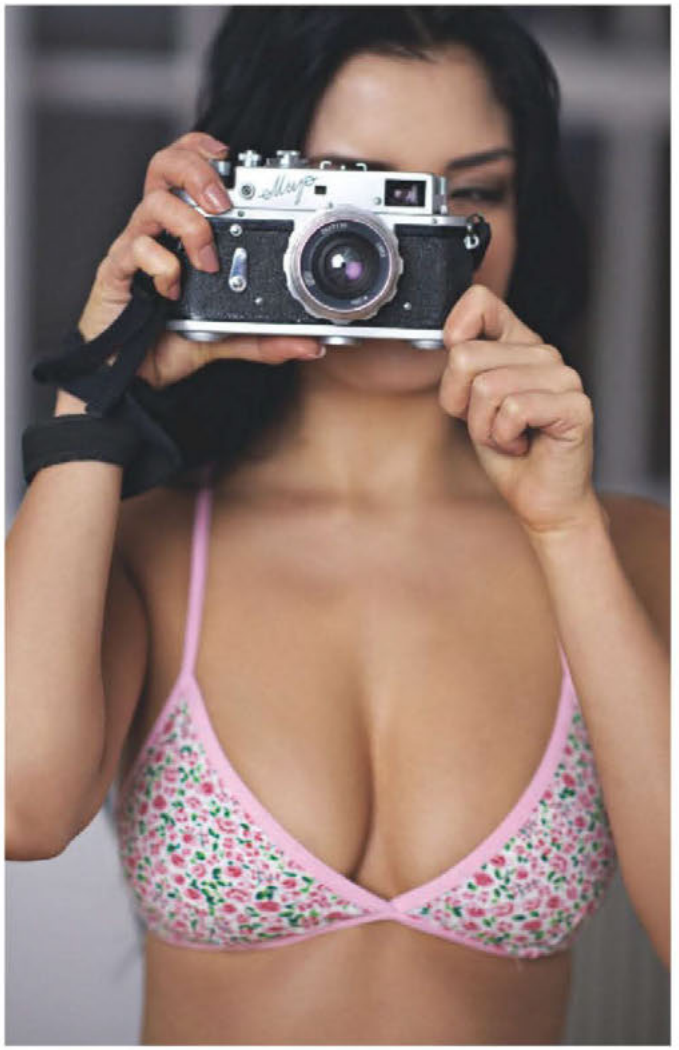
When she isn't taking Spanish lessons, she's dreaming of shaking it like a Polaroid picture. Meet the 18-year-old beauty student...

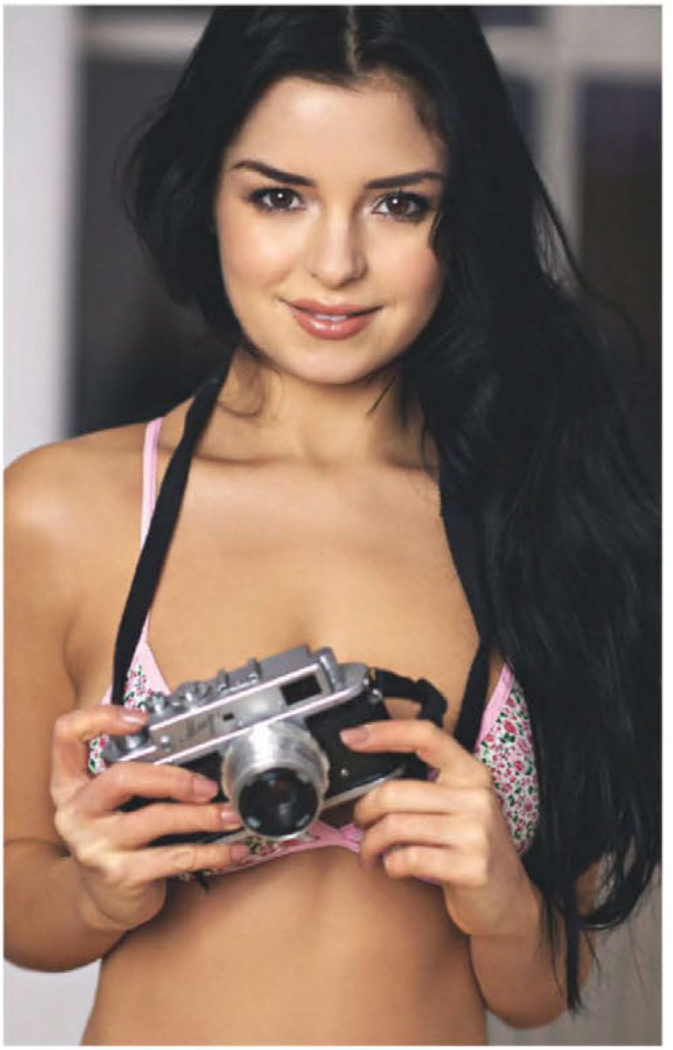
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Location: Birmingham
Age: 18
Occupation: Student
Twitter: @DemiRoseMawby
Instagram: @demirosemawby

FHM: **So Demi, what are you studying?**
Demi: I'm at college studying beauty therapy. I've always loved doing people's hair and make-up. My dream is basically to travel around the world doing beauty work.
Where in the world would you go?
I'd love to go to America, South America and Asia. I just love meeting people from different cultures and picking up new languages as I go.
Can you speak any of them?
I speak Spanish. I'm not at all fluent yet, but I'm getting there. My mum is Spanish and we have a house in the Canary Islands, so I thought I'd take a few classes.
A house in the Canary Islands? Very nice...
I love it over there. It's got the best beaches ever – white sand and clear, blue water. I'd definitely like to live over there one day.
Where's your next adventure taking you?
I'm going to the French Alps. I've never skied before, so that'll be interesting and pretty scary. Maybe I'll just spend the whole time sitting in the hot tub.
Sounds like a plan. If you could travel the world as someone's beautician, who would it be?
Kim Kardashian. I love her style and I just think she'd be really easy to work with.
How would you deal with Kanye though?
I don't know. I think he'd be really bossy. And he's quite arrogant, which I don't like.
So what *do* you look for in a guy?
Someone who is honest, makes me laugh and really takes care of me. I don't like it when you're trying to make plans with someone, and you ask them where they want to go or what they want to do and they just say, "I don't know. You decide." I like some decisiveness in a man.
What's your idea of a good date?
I'm an old-fashioned romantic at heart. I like surprises and thoughtfulness. If I say I like Italian restaurants, I'd like the





guy to remember that and surprise me by taking me out to dinner there. Someone who listens to me and remembers what I say to them surely isn't too much to ask for?

We'll be sure to take a mental note of that then. What's your guiltiest pleasure?

Shopping. And I absolutely love reality TV. I can't get enough of it. *I'm A Celebrity…, Big Brother* – I love them all. I just find it all really interesting. I like seeing how people react to different things in different situations.

Would you ever do it?

I'd definitely go into the jungle. I know I'd find it really hard, but it'd still be a great experience.

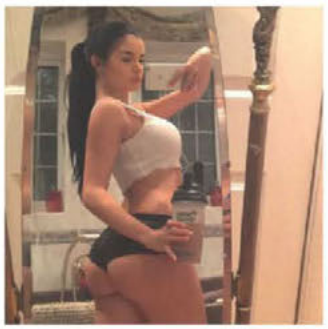
How would you fare with the old kangaroo balls?

That's where I'd fail. I can't eat anything horrible.

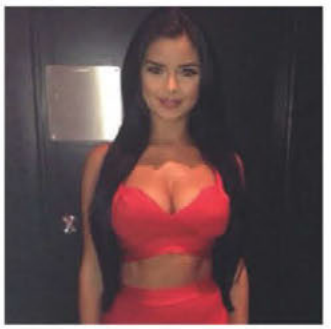
What special talent would you be able to show off there?

I don't really have any party tricks, but I'm a good dancer when I've had a drink. And I just laugh and laugh all the time.

DEMI ROSE'S LIFE THIS MONTH



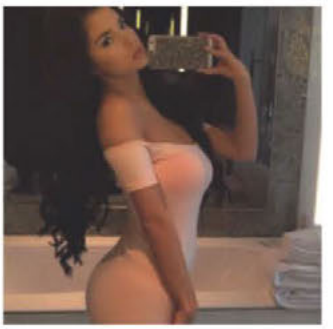
Gym is the best place to take a selfie



Off to a party!



Red is my favourite colour.



Selfie time, again!

Styling: Hayley Forrester. Hair and make-up: Natacha S Using Mac. Jumper and underwear set, both American apparel; Knickers, Topshop



QUICK-FIRE ROUND

Cartoons or cartwheels?
Cartoons.
World Cup or cupcakes?
Cupcakes.
***Final Countdown* or *Karma Chameleon*?**
Karma Chameleon.
Hiking or sunbathing?
Sunbathing.
Burgers or hot dogs?
Hot dogs.
Extra arm or extra leg?
Extra arm, because it would be weird to walk around with three legs. You could hide an extra arm, couldn't you? You'd just tuck it down. You can't hide a third leg.
Cider or lemonade?
Lemonade.
Boobs or bum?
Boobs.
Rough and ready or sleek and groomed?
Sleek and groomed.

Find more pics of Demi Rose on your iPad or tablet

CAN PUMPKIN PIE TURN ME INTO A SEX GOD?

Find out which foodie aphrodisiacs really help you achieve sexual heroism…

If you've watched one of Sir David Attenborough's recent nature programmes, you'll know that mating rituals in the wild put us guys to shame. Australia's male bowerbirds build their own love nest, complete with jewel-like trinkets to make his lady bird feel like the only lady bird in the world. Guy crocodiles will give a potential mate a neck rub to get in the mood. Male porcupines will drench a possible female in a hot stream of high velocity piss to, um, impress her? In contrast, last Valentine's Day, 700,000 men coughed up the £20 for a Marks & Spencer's gourmet ready meal for two. Guys, we can do better.

Now, we're not saying a romantic dinner isn't a great way to make your prettier half feel special, and help lead you both to some steamy action between the sheets. It is. In fact, we've relied upon food to get us in the mood for loving since forever. Even Hippocrates, the Greek father of modern medicine, noted that raw honey was a top libido booster. But of all the edible romance inducers, which ones are worth sticking on the menu and which are just hot air?

We found seven foods that science boffs reckon possess the power to increase your dirty desires, and persuaded an *FHM* guinea pig to chow them down to see what, if any, upped his heart rate to the point of sexual frenzy. We also brought along super pretty *FHM* Girlfriend Bryony to take notes and provide some A-grade flirting in a bid to make our readings more obvious (and make it a little less weird than a room of men waiting for another guy to report a tingling).



Heart racer and FHM Girlfriend Bryony

BONER-POPPING PUMPKIN PIE 70 BPM
The claim: Just a whiff of one of the US's finest desserts will have us tearing at our trousers.
Our results: Our man's trousers could well have been on fire, but the rest of him seems to be falling asleep, with our first recorded drop in heart rate.
The science: The Smell & Taste Treatment and Research Foundation in Chicago said that wafting a fresh pie under a man's nose increased penile blood flow by 40%. Us Brits, however, seem unaffected.

SMOKING-HOT CHILLIES 86 BPM
The claim: Eating chillies mimics the human sexual response.
Our results: *FHM* guinea pig's runny nose and desperate gasps for milk made this a pretty odd 'sexual response'.
THE SCIENCE: This induced randiness is caused by chemical irritant capsaicin.

ORGASMIC OYSTERS 84 BPM
The claim: These bi-valve molluscs were gobbled up by notorious lover Casanova.
Our results: The slimy critters only muster a slight heart rate increase and a half-hearted smile.
The science: There's little science to support this aphrodisiac save for the high zinc content, which is proven to up a man's sperm count. We felt inclined to save the sperm count test for another day.

A HUNK OF DARK CHOCOLATE 91 BPM
The claim: This Valentine's staple gives you the same high that you get after sex.
Our results: *FHM* guinea pig's feeling randy, with a rocketing heart rate and some unnerving giggling.
The science: Loads of libido-raising stuff is in this, including phenylethylamine, which causes the release of those 'I'm so happy' sex endorphins. We definitely saw them work their magic here. A real winner.



FHM guinea pig and work experience guy Mark, 26. Resting heart rate: 72 BPM

SWEET, SWEET HONEY 90 BPM
The claim: Hippocrates prescribed his Greek patients honey as a way to ramp up their bedroom mojo.
Our results: His ticker is beating like a happy hardcore bass drum.
The science: It contains B-vitamins and the mineral boron, ideal for bumping up your testosterone.

SALACIOUS ASPARAGUS 72 BPM
The claim: In 19th century France, grooms were served three courses of these green spears before their wedding nights.
Our results: *FHM* guinea pig's heart is unchanged, and he seems more interested in pretending he's holding a long floppy cigar than noticing our sexy assistant.
The science: Not a great deal. Experts claim that asparagus gets the human mind racing with its 'phallic' shape. But in our books if this reminds you of your willy, you shouldn't taking your kecks off for anyone but your GP.

TROUSER-TIGHTENING MACA 76BPM
The claim: Revered as a herbal Viagra in Brazil, where over a third of OAPs are still doing it three times a week.
Our results: Opening this bottle of pills released a whiff akin to your nan's living room, potent enough to kill any boner in a 18-mile radius.
The science: Not clear, with so many reports stating it's a winner and many completely refuting its sexy claims. All we know is, we saw zero effect. Oh, and maca is used as a laxative, too…

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NEWS



MAN RUNS 7 MARATHONS IN 7 CONTINENTS

Thirty-one-year-old Tim Durbin completed seven marathons in seven days in seven continents. The San Francisco resident was the only American who competed in the World Marathon Challenge that started in Antarctica and ended in Sydney, after which he tweeted: 'And Done'. He ran 26.2-mile marathons in Antarctica, Chile, Miami, Madrid, Morocco, Dubai and Sydney. The Morocco marathon was the toughest where he started running in Marrakech less than seven hours after he completed the race in Spain. Durbin spent roughly $37,000 to participate with 11 other participants for the event.



12-YEAR-OLD BOY CLAIMS TO BECOME 'MAGNETO' AFTER ELECTRIC SHOCK

A schoolboy, who nearly died recently after getting a massive electric shock, has claimed to have developed superpowers like X-Men's villain Magneto after the incidence. Nikolai Kryaglyachenko was walking home after school when he lent briefly against the lamppost that was live from a faulty wire, and was blasted across the pavement. But he managed to get back home safely. However,, the next day, he found out that some coins that had been lying on the floor had stuck to his body. Later, spoon stuck on his chest while having breakfast. But unlike Magneto, he is not able to control his so-called 'power'. Kryaglyachenko wants to be a super hero when he grows old.

BIZZARE CONTEST

A Brazilian beauty pageant took a bizarre turn when the first runner-up snatched the crown off the winner, and threw it to the ground moments after the result was announced. The incident took place at a convention centre in Manaus, where Miss Amazon was taking place. As Carolina Toledo, 20, was being crowned the winner, runner-up Sheislane Hayalla, 23, ripped out the tiara, threw it to the ground, pointed an accusing finger at her adversary and insulted her before storming off stage. The Miss Amazon will now take part in the Miss Brazil contest.

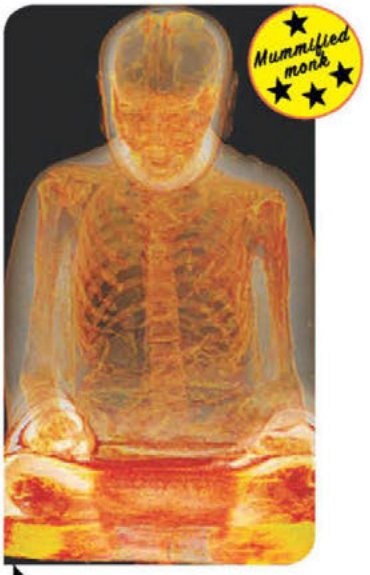
FREE MEAL FOR BEAUTY

A China based South Korean restaurant has offered free meals to its 50 first customers, but only if they are most beautiful. The 'Jeju Island restaurant' in Zhengzhou has launched a promotional offer, where the customers are supposed to get their faces scanned at a 'beauty identification area'. They are judged on the basis of quality of the faces, eyes , noses etc.



MILLIONAIRE MONKEY

A wealthy childless couple in Rae Bareli, Uttar Pradesh is planning to bequeath their property and savings to their pet monkey, 'Chunmun', they had adopted ten years ago. Brijesh Srivastava and his wife Sabista have no children, but they treat their pet monkey as their own son and have set up a trust to ensure the animal is looked after if it outlives them. The couple considers the monkey as their lucky charm.



MONK MUMMIFIED IN 1000-YEAR OLD BUDDHA STATUE

A Scientists have found something unusual in a nearly 1000-year-old Chinese Buddha statue on display in Holland - a mummified monk! A CT scan and an endoscopy were carried out on the statue to confirm this bizarre discovery. The statue was shown outside China for the very first time as part of the 'Mummies: Life Beyond Death' exhibition at the Drents Museum in the Netherlands last year. The mummified body is believed to be of Buddhist master Liuquan of the Chinese Meditation School. It is however unclear that it is a case of self-mummification, a popular practice among Asian monks. "On the outside, it looks like a large statue of Buddha. Scan research has shown that on the inside it is a mummy of a Buddhist monk who lived around the year 1100," read the event brochure.

JOKES

BAD PICKUP LINES

"Is you body from McDonalds? Because I'm loving it!"

ACCESS

MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

A man and a woman who had never met before but were both married to other people found themselves assigned to the same sleeping compartment on a trans-continental train. Though initially embarrassed and uneasy over sharing a room, they were both very tired and fell asleep quickly, he in the upper bunk and she in the lower. At 1 a.m the man leaned down and gently woke the woman saying, "ma'am, I'm sorry to bother you, but would you be willing to reach into the closet and get me a second blanket? I'm awfully cold." "I have a better idea," she replied. "Just for tonight, let's pretend that we're married." "wow! that's a great idea!" he exclaimed. "Good," she replied. "Get your own blanket." after a moment of silence, he farted!

CURSING PARROT

A man got a parrot which could already talk. It had belonged to a sailor and had a big vocabulary. However, the man soon discovered that the parrot mostly knew bad words. At first he thought it was funny, but then it became tiresome, and finally, when the man had important guests, the bird's bad words embarrassed him very much. As soon as the guests left, the man angrily shouted at the parrot, "That language must stop!"
But the bird answered him with curses. He shook the bird and shouted again, "Don't use those ugly words!" Again the bird cursed him.
Now the man was really angry. He grabbed the parrot and threw him into the refrigerator. But it had no effect. From inside the refrigerator, the parrot was still swearing. He opened the door and took him out, and again the bird spoke in dirty words and curses. This time, the man opened the door of the freezer, threw the bird into it, and closed the door.
This time there was silence. After two minutes, the man opened the door and removed the very cold parrot. Slowly the shivering parrot walked up to the man's arm, sat on his shoulder and spoke into his ear, sounding very frightened, "I'll be good, I promise...Those chickens in there.. what did they say?"



GORRILA, DOG AND TRAINER

A man walks out on his front porch one day and sees a gorilla on a tree in his lawn. He calls animal control and about an hour later a man shows up with a ladder, a pit bull, and a shotgun. The animal control employee tells the man, "I'm here to get the gorilla out of your tree. I'm going to use this ladder to climb up the tree and shake the branch the gorilla is on to knock him to the ground. The pit bull is trained to go after anything that falls from the tree and bite their balls which calms the animal down so I can put him in the truck." The man says "Okay, I see but what is the shotgun for?" The animal control employee says, "Oh, that's for you. In case I fall out of the tree instead of the gorilla, shoot the dog."

DRUNK DRIVING

A cop pulls Jim's swerving car over, "step out of the car, I am going to need you to take a breathalyzer test." "I can't", Jim responds "You see I have very bad asthma, that can set off an attack." "Alright," says the cop, "then you're going to have to take a blood test." "Can't do that either," Jim responds, "I am a hemophiliac, if a wound is opened, I won't stop bleeding, and I could bleed to death." "Ok," the cop answers. "So just come on out, and walk a straight line for me." "Can't do that either". "Why not? What is the problem now?" Demanded the exasperated cop. "Well, because I'm drunk!"

DRESS REHEARSAL

A mother-in-law stopped by unexpectedly to the recently married couple's house. She knocks on the door, then immediately walks in. She is shocked to see her daughter-in-law lying on the couch, totally naked.
"What are you doing?" she asked.
"I'm waiting for Jeff to come home from work," the daughter-in-law answered.
"But you're naked!" the mother-in-law exclaimed.
"This is my love dress," the daughter-in-law explained.
"Love dress? But you are naked!"
"Jeff loves me to wear this dress! It makes him happy and it makes me happy."
The mother-in-law on the way home thought about the love dress. When she got home she got undressed, showered, put on her best perfume and expectantly waited for her husband, lying provocatively on the couch.
Finally her husband came home. He walked in and saw her naked.
"What are you doing?" he asked.
"This is my love dress," she replied.
"Needs ironing," he says.
"What's for dinner?"

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Freak Alert

Hi FHM... Your story on sex fears was amazing. It was like people were answering inhibitions that I always had about sex and my thing. Now that I am writing in, could you get your expert to answer one of my questions... How do I get my girl to swallow my cum?

Kaushik Sharma, New Delhi

Dude you must be the creepiest fellow writing to us this year. If you're asking us that, it's clear enough that she doesn't want to. We don't need an expert to tell you what to do. Just leave her alone!

Worrisom

Hey guys! Congratulations on your first man cover. Ranveer Singh looks killing on the cover. I was, however, surprised to see Salman Khan finally slipping a few notches below in the top bachelors of India list. I think it's high time he got married, otherwise he will loose the edge.

Arjun Radhakrishnan, Coimbatore

Thanks, he did make quite a cover. And we were also surprised by Salman's plunging position, but not quite as much as you. Relax mate! Let his mother worry about his marriage. We hope, in your obsession with men, you didn't miss our flip cover with the sizzling Keeley Hazell on it.



From twitter

Ritwik @Ritweak (Jan 19)
@fhmindia @RanveerOfficial Congrats on your first man cover! Ranveer has done a fab job.

Alolika Bannerjee @al_1990 (Jan 20)
@fhmindia @RanveerOfficial you look smashing! Fantastic interview.

Sourav @Sourav_1912 (Feb 10)
@fhmindia Damn.. You guys hv nailed it with the BOY awards! The contestants were too good!



Letter of the month

It's Raining Men

I had never read an FHM before. But I wanted to give it a shot and find out what's the big deal. I got my first copy with Ranveer on the cover and was I up for a surprise! You guys are doing a pretty good job, with a lot of interesting stuff to read that even girls can enjoy. I loved your flip cover too.
Fancy a topless shoot of Hrithik Roshan for the next cover?

Shreya Bhattacharya, Bangalore

It's flattering to know that you liked the issue. But let's draw a statutory warning that we don't usually go with men on covers.

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BIG Cousin is WATCHING YOU

Everyone seems to have an opinion about everything around. But when those opinions metamorphose into tenets and then into instructions, it starts to get bugging.



"Oh! For crying out loud, stop treating me like a kid!" Karan snapped at his mother and took off the woollen hat that she had forced upon his head. Karan is an investment banker and is married for 7 years. He lives in a chic building in Gurgaon, drives a Chevrolet Cruze and holidays in Seychelles. Cutting the crap, he is a grown up man, responsible enough to take care of himself and his family, and occasionally gets irritated when treated like a fledgling. Imagine sliding your feet in his loafers. A constant monitor hovering over your head all the time, telling you what you can and can't do. Chances are, sooner or later, you will snap too. The only difference between hypothesis and reality is that you ARE Karan and there are several mothers policing everything you should be exposed to. And you don't even know it. Let's get into the how:

ALL INDIA 'BAKCHODI'

THE CASE

Urbandictionary.com explains bakchodi as, "a hindi slang word used by mostly north Indians. Refers to baseless gossips, gossips with no foundation." There is hardly a nook or corner in the country where a conversation passes without some bakchodi. Some platforms like political rallies, informal gatherings and most of the cinema, are exclusively about this light hearted gossip. No set of instructions have been chalked out about the language used in this mindless ranting. So, we hear a kaleidoscope of cuss words while sipping tea, while waiting for an auto or while eavesdropping on a conversation among friends on the road. No one gives shit about who gets offended when a certain kind of vocabulary is thrust upon them WITHOUT CONSENT.

MONITOR'S WHIP

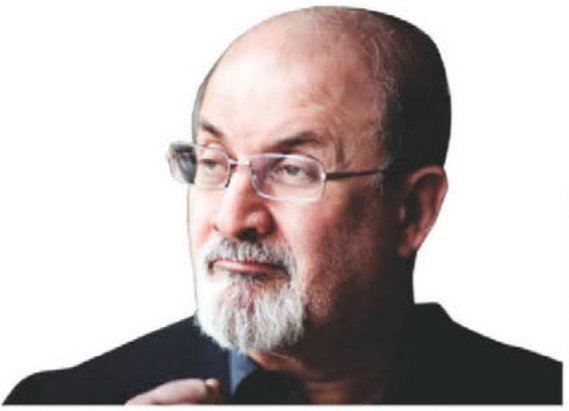
Karan must not be subjected to bad language on tv or youtube, where he has the option to switch it off, or simply not click on a 'bad' link at all. But for everything that he has no control over, it's OK. #AIBroast

SATANIC LITERATURE

THE CASE

About 74% of the population of India is literate, according to government stats. This means out of every 100 only 74 people can read or write. Of these, a very





small number has interest in reading books or magazines, and a very minuscule percentage of them reads scholarly or literary books. This means majority of people have no clue about what writers produce after years of research and imagination, except in a sentence or two from news channels or facebook tags. However, a greater number has access to free pamphlets that give sermons on history and societal decency.



MONITOR'S WHIP

If Karan falls in that rare category of serious readers he must not read something that says the world is round and not flat after all, because it may hurt the sentiments of crores of people who draw their inspiration from him (may be through spiritual osmosis).
#SalmanRushdie #RohintonMistry #JosephLelyveld

NO LOVE SIR, MAKE WAR
THE CASE

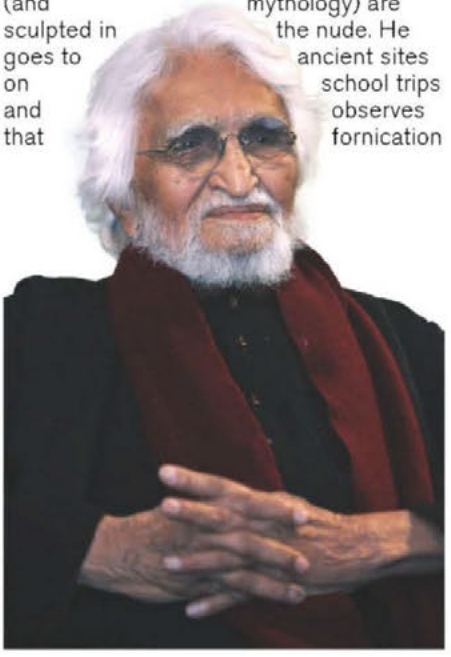
Manhood is a motley of emotions and personality features. We love action films and we shed tears at a tragedy, we love science fiction and we enjoy scenes of romance too. When we impersonate everything that we love in real life, it's only understandable. So we don't think twice before picking up a fight at a traffic jam, at queues, in the metro, at a kiosk of egg roll, everywhere. Fellow men gather around at any and every scene of fight and turn it into a WWE battleground. And when these (of us) are so involved in the fight, some (of us) take time to steal a kiss off a lover's cheek in a park or hold hands at a bus stop.

MONITOR'S WHIP

Karan is a disgrace to his parents, the society and the entire Indian culture if he as much as holds his girlfriend's hand in public. (Public display of) Affection is meant for closed doors, it's only war that may be displayed in public. He must remember what his mother and father taught him at home (what?).
#ValentinesDay

DIRTY AESTHETICS
THE CASE

Every Indian kid goes through penance in history classes in school. He memorises dates, learns about temples and architecture, the freedom struggle, and is convinced that Indian culture is all accepting and the most tolerant in the world. He visits museums and realises that most characters from ancient history (and mythology) are sculpted in the nude. He goes to ancient sites on school trips and observes that fornication



in art doesn't turn you on but looks as attractive as the stone it's sculpted on. He is encouraged to develop an opinion of his own and flaunt it. Then he steps out in the real world, is forced to follow news and confusion replaces everything logical in his life so far.

MONITOR'S WHIP

When the kid grows up to be Karan he must erase that portion from his mind which says fornicating sculptures are no big deal, or naked women on canvas mean art. This must be seen as loss of culture, foreign controversies to tar the image of India, and plain obscenity. And if he fails to do the final editing in his head, he will be called anti-Indian, badly influenced by the western culture and may even be beaten up.
#RajaRaviVerma #MFHussain.

Words: Siddharth M Joshi

HOW 'AFFAIR READY' ARE YOU?

Have you hit your Quarter-Life crisis or the Turbulent Thirties yet?



There's some news that you won't read in the papers. 30s are the new 50s. As work life gets compressed, and people are expected to hit their peak at 40, mid-life crisis has given way to a 'quarter-life crisis'. So, the twenties are the "qualifying rounds" – to make a mark in life with the first job, the first promotion and may be even marriage, for most. Then come the quarter and the semi-finals, preparing you for the finals in the 40s. The right moves take you to the top, but a few lousy ones can throw you right out of the game. An affair gone wrong or a failed marriage could be one of them.

But, when the odds are high it is best to be prepared for it, as they say – rubber is any day better than panic coated pills later. So, ask yourself the question – "How 'affair ready' am I?"

First, you must understand the contrast between an affair and a relationship. By definition – unlike a relationship which is meant to be present continuous – an affair has a beginning and an end. In the best of situations, the start has to be natural (rather than 'forced') and the ending smooth – a soft landing as it were, not a crash

Thirties is really when you come into your own, having earned your spurs before. You consolidate your early successes and begin to develop an individual style. This is the time when from being the new kid in the block you begin to be recognised as a rising star. The feeling is like one after a long jog – when you can sense the rush of hormones inside and even the sweat smells sweet, as you savour the achievement, sipping a Gatorade and plan the next run already.

On the home front things seem to be on a plateau. Perhaps, kids have arrived on the scene and either the wife has taken a career break or is all too consumed in managing both home and work. Meanwhile, for you, work pressure is building up – business tours increase and work hours keep getting longer. There is this occasional urge to let your hair down and hit the bar instead of hitting the gym. At such times a little extra attention from the fairer sex seems exactly what the doctor prescribed.

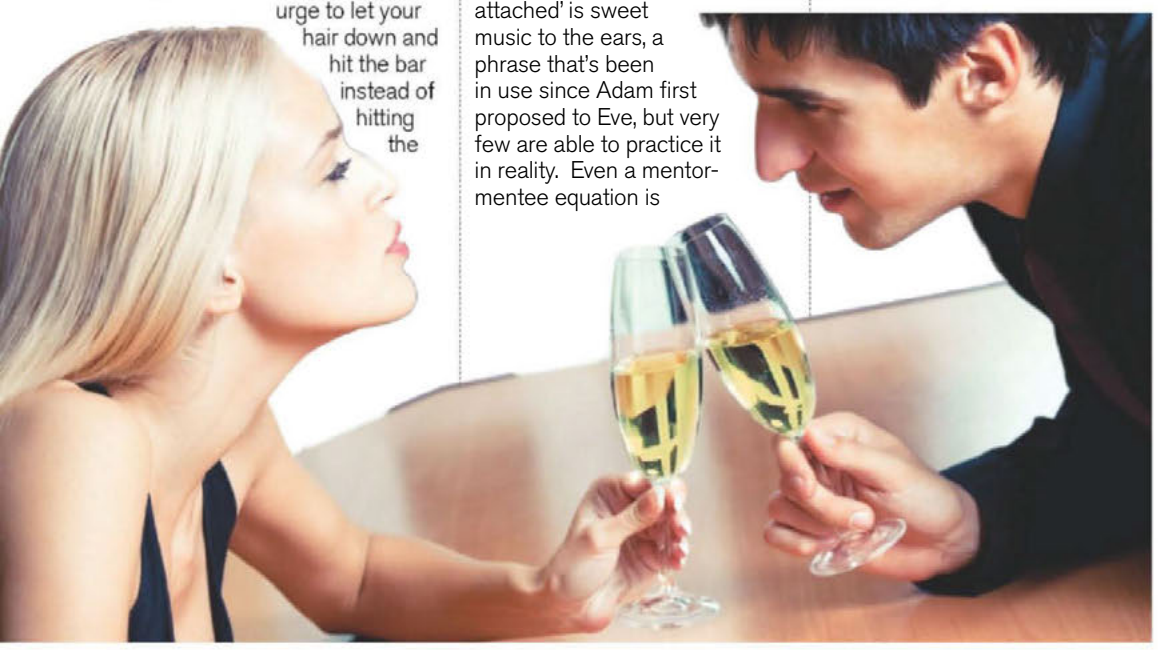
A 'healthy' interest generally buds from someone who has had a chance to see you at work and, may be, admires you professionally. Looks do matter, certainly, but it's usually the personality and wit that carries the day. She could be a junior at work or an associate from another organisation – a client or an agency. Gradually respect turns into admiration and eventually even a touch of 'hero-worship' that we men are such suckers for.

But first, a Statutory Warning! Absolutely avoid a boss-subordinate liaison or any situation where there can be even a hint of exploitation or unfair use of position. In this day and age all organisations have strict POSH (Policy On Sexual Harassment) guidelines. So, the old adage, 'a boss advances as far as his secretary allows him to' is passé in today's world of gender equality in work-place. If emotions go genuinely out of control, it's best to opt for voluntary disclosure and one of the parties either seeking a departmental transfer or moving to another organisation.

The best place to be in is where there is mutual respect and an underlying belief that both are bringing in something positive to the piece. 'No strings attached' is sweet music to the ears, a phrase that's been in use since Adam first proposed to Eve, but very few are able to practice it in reality. Even a mentor-mentee equation is fraught with risks, as it does set up expectations (especially for the mentor), which if not redeemed often lead to heart-breaks and bitterness. While some ground rules should be broadly agreed upon, a prenup may sound too clinical. A mature understanding where each one's priorities, in the event of coming to a crunch, are clearly articulated, would be ideal.

Finally, there will come a time to say good-bye. Mature lovers are perceptive enough to figure out when things become drag either as a matter of habit or a misplaced sense of obligation, and that they have stopped adding value to each other. That's the best time to step back and take stock of where one stands; even a break from each other and face the reality with total honesty. It's quite possible and pretty cool to take the exciting stint to a calmer level of friendship that lasts longer. In such a case – one must chart the territory and negotiate the way with a lot of care and empathy to avoid pain (and damage) to all other stakeholders (the larger family) in personal life as well as try to keep one's career insulated as far as possible. But, that's for another days fire-side chat.

Till then, as a wise man (not Confucius) once said, "If children are entitled to their childhood, why not adults to a tad adultery," as long as it doesn't hurt anyone.



EXTRA MARITAL AFFAIRS IN CINEMAS

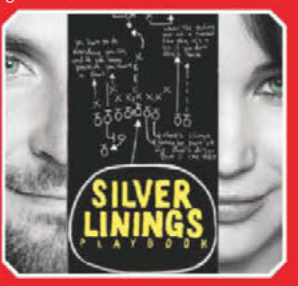
GONE GIRL

Ben Affleck, a teacher in a community college has a clandestine affair with one of his student. Not recommended. You may lose your job!



SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK

Bradley Cooper takes help of Jennifer Lawrence to win back his estranged wife. The two spend a lot of time together and fall for each other instead.



NO ENTRY

Anil Kapoor is a faithful husband but has a very suspicious wife. In the comedy of errors he starts an actual affair with a call girl.



PATI PATNI AUR WO

Sanjiv Kumar, a married man, gets attracted to his new secretary and lies to her that his wife is terminally ill.



Words: DJ Sandy

10 Cartoons We Will Adore For Lifetime!

We have all grown up watching cartoons. FHM takes you down the memory lane to sprinkle a streak of nostalgia...

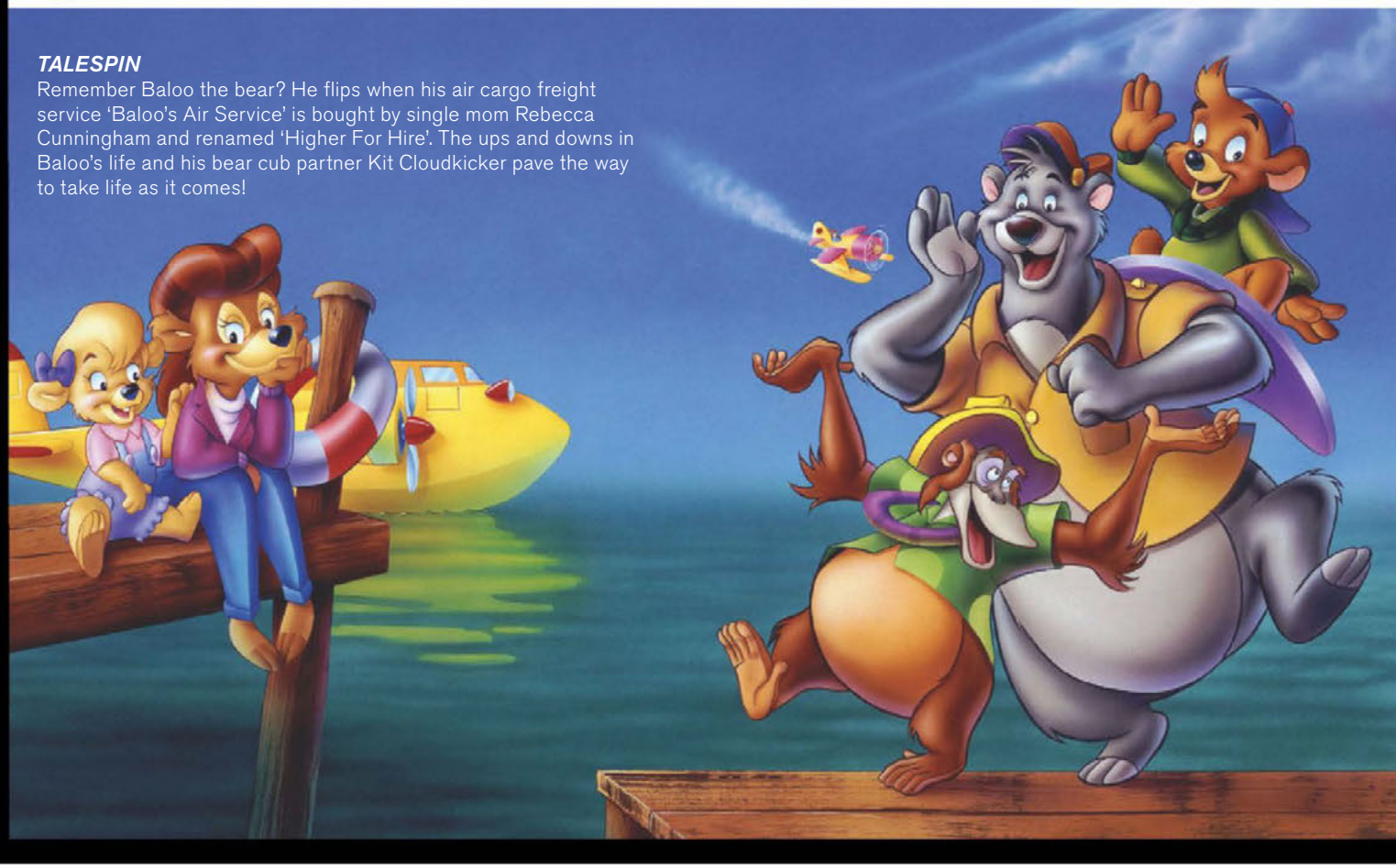


DONALD DUCK

From where do you get that voice, Donald? The temperamental white duck with distinctive mannerism is famous for his semi-intelligent speeches which could solve any problem. But love spares none as even he is tongue tied before his love interest Daisy Duck. The cynical sidekick of Mickey Mouse and Scrooge McDuck, he remains the most loved cartoon character ever.

TALESPIN

Remember Baloo the bear? He flips when his air cargo freight service 'Baloo's Air Service' is bought by single mom Rebecca Cunningham and renamed 'Higher For Hire'. The ups and downs in Baloo's life and his bear cub partner Kit Cloudkicker pave the way to take life as it comes!





MICKEY MOUSE

Mickey Mouse just celebrated his 86th anniversary as his first TV appearance in 1928 made him an instant hit. In his attempt to woo Minnie Mouse, Mickey really goofs things up but all ends well. His dog Pluto, friends Goofy and Donald help the guy in this iconic cartoon series.



TOM AND JERRY

Cat and mouse never seemed so adorable in our lives as Tom and Jerry made them in our childhood. The love-hate relationship of the two still make us laugh our guts outs. They chase each other, beat each other and torture each other, but whenever a problem knocks, the two work hand in hand!



POPEYE - THE SAILOR MAN

Popeye has been a true American idol for decades. Bulging arms, squinty eyes, a smoking pipe and fetish for spinach make him an ideal guy. Apart from spinach he loves Olive Oyl and fights Bluto to save his girlfriend. His catchphrases like "I eats my spinach" and "Well, blow me down" will still give you an adrenaline rush.



DEXTER'S LABORATORY

A genius boy with a secret lab behind his bookshelf develops all kinds of chemicals, robots and rockets only to be disturbed by his sister Dee Dee. Annoyed by her antics, Dexter finds new formulas every time the duo fights in his laboratory.



DUCKTALES

Scrooge McDuck is the richest duck in the world and his obsession for money leads him to many problems. The beagle boys are after his money and so is witch Magica De Spell! But Uncle Scrooge's grand-nephews Huey, Dewey and Louie turn out to be his saviours many a times.



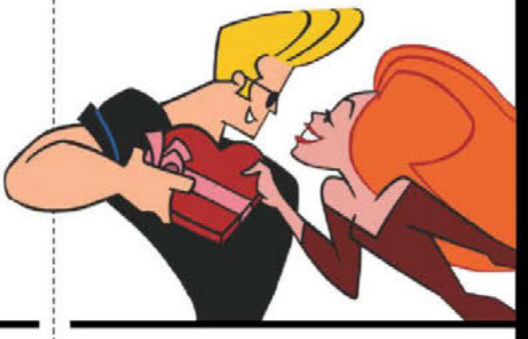
THE SYLVESTER AND TWEETY MYSTERIES

Cat Sylvester, bird Tweety and their owner Granny open a detective agency. Sylvester's bid to eat Tweety and her survival antics make a laughter riot. Hector, the bulldog is always her saviour and things get bad for Sylvester each time.



SCOOBY-DOO

Dog's a man's best friend, ain't it? Scooby Doo and Shaggy are the inseparable friends who escape ghosts only to unwrap a human conspiracy and solve it. They are accompanied by a bunch of friends fashioned after the Famous Five, who give them courage to go on.



JOHNNY BRAVO

A beefcake looking man with a rockabilly pompadour hairstyle and an Elvis Presley like voice tries to get women to fall in love with him. But he is dumped or beaten every time he indulges in self-praise. His "Ohh Momma" still gives us confidence to grow over a broken heart!

Words: Sudhakar Jha



HOW GORY ARE

Indian movies are not all love, songs and happy endings anymore. Bollywood is now taking a bloody path, with a vigorous vengeance.

06 ***ANJAAM***
Shah Rukh Khan's sinful deeds against Madhuri Dixit and her blood-soaked revenge sums up Anjaam.
GORE CONTENT: Madhuri Dixit bites veins of her own wrist. Shahrukh Khan cuts his hand with shreds of glass. A pregnant Madhuri is beaten in jail resulting in abortion. Madhuri outrageously killing the jailor, SRK and others.

07 ***SHEKHAR KAPUR'S BANDIT QUEEN***
Based on the life of dacoit turned politician Phoolan Devi, saw a lot of raised eyebrows for its realistic scenes of gang rape, extreme violence and crude language.
GORE CONTENT: 22 men executed at once by Phoolan Devi to avenge her gang-rape.

03 ***GULAAL***
The name itself suggest the amount of blood spilled in this youth political drama.
GORE CONTENT: Hanging Ransa, murdering and burying Rajender Bhati and shooting Dukey Bana in his own house. If this is not gore, what is?

02 ***GANGAJAL***
Gangajal scores high on gore content as the holy name is used for the real-life acid attack on prisoners in jails of Bihar.
GORE CONTENT: Acid poured into the eyes of henchmen. Policeman shot in the eye. Both the antagonists killed with iron rod piercing their eyes. This movie makes you shut your eyes and ears, both, many times over.



THE INDIAN MOVIES

05 RAKTA CHARITRA

Political rage inspires Rakta Charitra. The real-life story shows cold-blooded murder one after another as Vivek Oberoi turns a killing machine to avenge his father and brother's death.
GORE CONTENT: Full of cold-blooded killings—from piercing sword in someone's stomach to shooting the other from point blank. Some or the other character dies every minute.

04 SANGHARSH

Sangharsh defines the saree-clad Ashutosh Rana's evil motives and Akshay Kumar stopping the maniac.
GORE CONTENT: There is barely any real action for the blood but the sight of children being 'offered' and the sound effects will give you nightmares.

01 GANGS OF WASSEYPUR 1 & 2

Gangs of Wasseypur 1 and 2 are the benchmark for gore films in India. Numerous plots and sub-plots all lead to every character getting killed till the last scene of the movie.
Gore content: Legs, hands and even private parts are cut and thrown all around the town. Not satisfied with gunshot? Insert a knife in the eye! Cut the throat and hang it on the door! Oh, there are so many of them. GOW is simply the goriest film of Indian cinema. Period!

Words: Sudhakar Jha



IS THE INTERNET TURNING US INTO GHOULS?

From real-life murder in *Serial*, to people being beaten to a pulp on YouTube. Why are we getting our kicks from extreme brutality?

How much time needs to pass before something unpalatable is fair game for entertainment fodder? There may well exist descendants of Jack the Ripper's butchered victims who find the £12 price of a ticket to tour east London's most infamous murder haunts a bit of a rum deal. Similar accusations of ghoulishness are levelled at the millions of fans who listen to the real life murder podcast *Serial*, which came to a climax at the end of last year.

The premise was a simple one: American journalist Sarah Koenig was to investigate the alleged wrongful conviction of Baltimore man Adnan Syed – jailed in 2000 for the murder of High School student Hae Min

Lee. Much like a HBO drama or *MasterChef,* the series was to be broadcast on a week-by-week basis as new facts came to light, peppered with star witness interviews, cliffhanger endings and a direct line to the convicted killer himself – still holed up in a Maryland correctional facility.

The series was 2014's undoubted sleeper hit – sleuthing its way to number one in the podcast charts worldwide, spawning spin-off podcasts, and earning itself a place in the 'pop culture hall of fame' along the way, with all the Twitter hashtags and gaudy BuzzFeed articles [Fig.1] you could shake a selfie stick at. But among the Serialapalooza were, and still are, niggling voices of concern that such widespread synthetic hype and entertainment can be extracted from the murder-by-strangulation of a 17-year-old girl. Which poses the question: is it weird to like entertainment based around very real, very violent crime?

We're all rubberneckers by nature. It's why most post-accident queues aren't caused by blocked roads, but by people slowing down to catch a glimpse of the wreckage. It's why Mail Online – the world's most-read online news source – often sees currency in using the most graphic imagery to illustrate horror stories. Why grizzly segments of the Oscar Pistorius trial were repackaged into bitesize *Archers*-like segments [Fig.2]. Why it's seemingly OK to post beheading videos on social media, but topless images are still a no-no on Facebook. And it's also why the likes of The Pain Olympics and World Star Hip Hop (with millions of daily hits) serve to satisfy the online community's insatiable appetite for videos of men having their faces and testicles pulverised.

The truth is, we humans possess a morbid fascination with the macabre and we always have done. It's just so much easier to share in 2015. *Serial* is no different from the forensic examination of Baltimore's '80s murder pandemic in David Simon's 646-page masterpiece *Homicide*. Like in *Serial*, the suspects, victims, witnesses and officials named in *Homicide* are all real people, and at times their testimonies and personalities are poured over, picked apart and challenged. Both David Simon and Sarah Koeing serve to bring the grim, extraordinary and often misrepresented realities of murder into our very ordinary lives. The reporting is always responsible and respectful of those who decline to be involved. In that vein, it's no different to, say, a Radio 4 programme on The Yorkshire Ripper or a YouTube documentary on Mexican murder squads.

The difference is in how the messenger has changed. Whereas 20 years ago a news reporter might hold back on reporting the graphic details of a terrorist atrocity, we now have instant access through Twitter, to IS videos of beheadings. Likewise, where real-life horror was repackaged for entertainment purposes, it was restricted to grubby magazines and illegal snuff films that would have caused national outrage had their been a whiff of mainstream about them [Fig.3]. Yet this is all stuff that you can gleefully ask Siri to find pronto for you in 2015 (although we wouldn't recommend doing that in Costa Coffee while researching an article for *FHM*). As a result, we're all a bit more desensitised to the horrors of the world. The murky waters of the internet are making it ever-more enticing for very normal people to immerse themselves in very unfamiliar, often unpleasant territory, and it's even impacting on our very own judicial process. In 2012, a juror in a trial at Luton Crown Court was jailed for six months after undertaking a spot of online sleuthing into the grizzly details of her case as a result of being dissatisfied with the direction the prosecution was taking. The popularity of podcasts such as *Serial* will undoubtedly have an effect on criminal justice, just in the way that shows such as CSI have had an unprecedented influence (the so-called 'CSI effect') on the expectations of jury members. A 'Reddit court' also sprang up in the wake of the 2013 Boston bombings, in which evidence was gathered and exchanged, and a shortlist of 'suspects' where publicly identified by the online community [Fig. 4]. All were totally innocent, it transpired. The law may be an ass, but the internet is potentially a total wanker.

I have a startling confession to make about *Serial*: I think much of it is pretty boring. Forensic. Probing. At times irrelevant. But such is the nature of a criminal investigation, as Sarah Koenig frequently points out. It's not weird to be interested in a story that potentially unearths a miscarriage of justice, nor is it a crime to occasionally cave into human nature and get over-excited about the results of an autopsy, or whatever. And, who knows, had the Whitechapel of 1888 been as full of tech-savvy sleuths as it is today, they might even have foiled Saucy Jack…

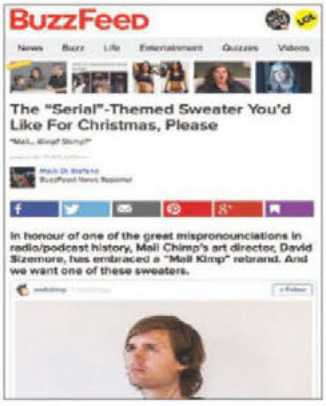


Fig.1

At the time we went to press there were 12 separate BuzzFeed articles about *Serial*. O, M and indeed G.



Fig.2

Media monitoring group Data Driven Insight reported that over a nine day period the Pistorius trail generated 750,000 news stories worldwide. More than the World Cup.



Fig.3

Hard to imagine this guy causing as big a furore now –*The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* was banned upon its release in 1974.



Fig.4

Reddit had to apologise to the family of Sunil Tripathi, a missing teenager, who the website wrongly identified as a "suspect" in the Boston bombings. Tripathi had in fact killed himself.

Words: Si Cunningham







01

Action

The Gunman

Upcoming American action thriller directed by Pierre Morel stars Sean Penn, Idris Elba, Peter Franzen among others. Sean is a former Special Forces soldier and military contractor suffering from PTSD who wants to settle down with his long time love by quitting the bloody path. His masters have other plans as once you are in the game of death, the only way out is death itself. Sean is forced to go on the run from London to Barcelona and across Europe to clear his name. Will he survive? Will he be able to marry his love?
Out on March 20th





CHARLES SHOBRAJ
The Bikini killer of 1970s will be seen on 700mm screen for the first time ever.

02
Thriller

Main aur Charles

This one is a biopic on India's famous criminal Charles Shobraj! The film stars Randeep Hooda, Adil Hussain and Richa Chadda in pivotal roles. The film tell the story of a famous bikini killer of the 70s and the Tihar jailbreak of 1986. *Out on 13 March.*



03
Comedy

Bank Chor

This comic-caper tells the story of 3 morons trying to rob a bank. They pick the worst day possible when everything that can go wrong, goes wrong and they are inadvertently caught in the crossfire. Do you know that ace comedian Kapil Sharma was to make a debut with this film? After Kapil's mysterious sacking, Riteish Deshmukh, Vivek Oberoi and Rhea Chakraborty have been cast in this laughter riot. *Out on March 6th.*



04
Thriller

NH10

Another thriller on the blocks! Anuskha Sharma's production debut features her in the lead with Neil Bhoopalam. It tells the story of Arjun (Neil) taking Meera (Anuskha) for a luxurious desert holiday via NH10. The couple tries to rescue a girl being taken by a bunch of criminals, unmindful of the danger which they will face ahead. Will they ever come back? *Out on March 6th.*

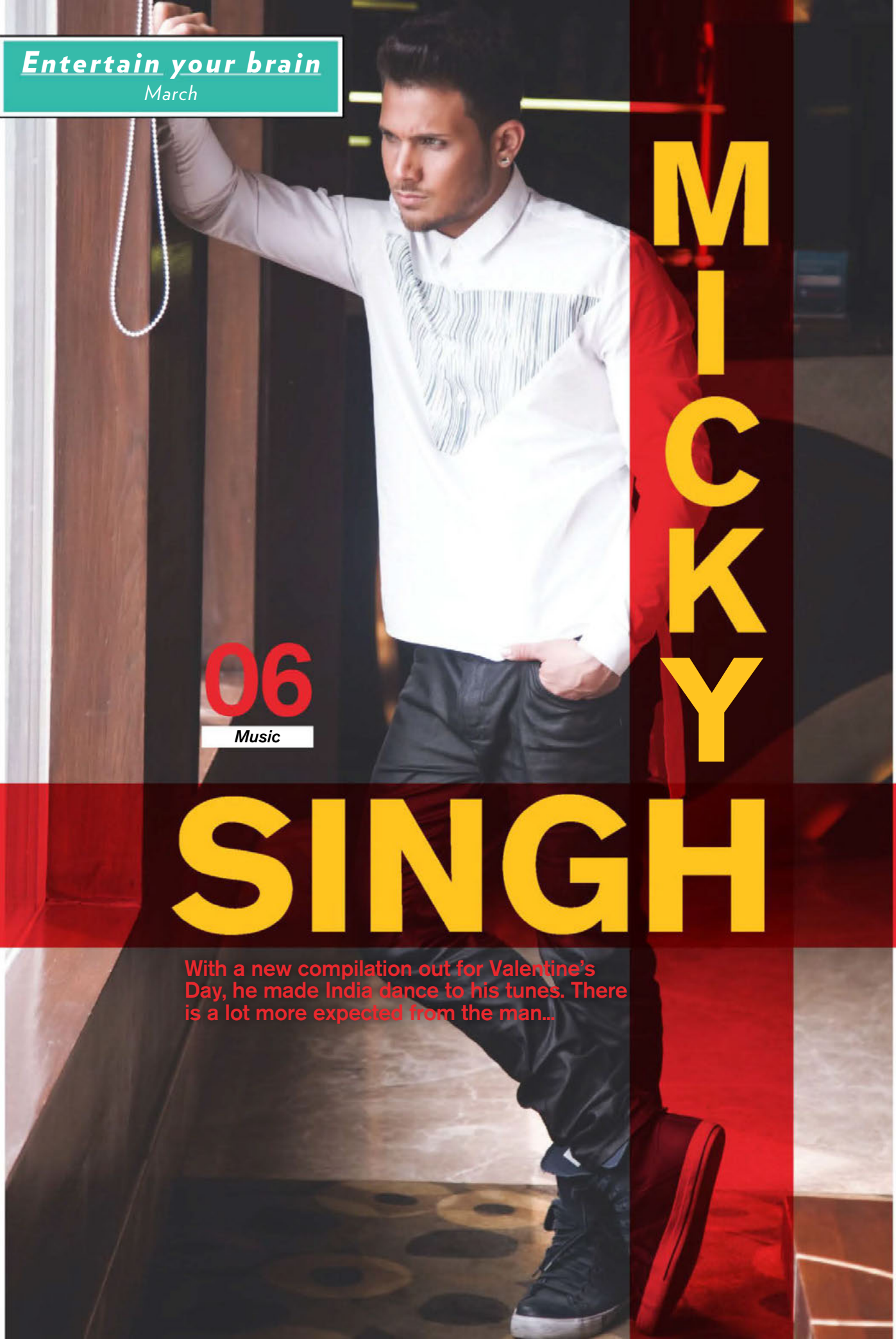


05
Action

Run All Night

The American action film, directed by Jaume Collet-Serra stars Liam Neeson, Joel Kinnaman and Ed Harris. An aging hitman Neeson is forced to take on his brutal former boss to save his son from a deadly fate when his estranged offspring becomes a target of the mob. *Out on March 13th.*

Words: Sudhakar Jha



06
Music

MICKY SINGH

With a new compilation out for Valentine's Day, he made India dance to his tunes. There is a lot more expected from the man...

As Mickey Singh set foot in India, we got him talking about cars, a special woman in his life, Mick's Tape and much more. He might be firangi by looks and accent, but Mickey loves his tandoori chicken and Biryani. He even finds Yo Yo Honey Singh a rockstar. And yeah, he told us that there is only one women in his life, his mom!

Hi Mickey, what's the latest that you have been up to?
Hey man, I have come to India after a long time. We have just released a new album for Valentine's day. It's a super special song. Plus I wanted to have a look around India.

How was the response to the new song?
Oh, it was amazing. We had more than 2 lakh views in just one week!

How did you celebrate the Valentine's day?
Nothing much man. I just grooved to my new song. Hahaha!

So, there is no special girl around?
No man. I have just one girl in my life and that's my mom. I am single.

Who introduced you to music? Any guru?
Oh, my grandfather used to play tabla. He firstly got me into music. I felt instantly attached to it. I started singing and you know, like the children who are made to sing in front of guests, I was the entertainment factor for the guests in our home. But when we shifted to America, that's when I seriously took to music. And my aunt supported me a lot. So yes, my aunt is my real guru. She was a dancer herself. So she understood my passion for music.

How did you get started in the industry?
I studied music in the US and started making music and started expressing myself through sounds. When I was 17, I first recorded my song mixed emotions and felt like yeah, I actually did something.

What was the idea behind Mick's tape?
It started as experimenting with different sounds and a lot of Punjabi songs that I grew up listening to and the sounds that I developed while living in America. I think the main theme for 'Mick's Tape' was to take the classic songs from India and mix them up with new sounds we are familiar with, R&B.

What do you think about the girls in the music industry? The way they are depicted in the videos?



"I have just one girl in my life and that is my mom!"

Oh, I respect women a lot man. I think that they more capable of doing things that men are. They can do things better. Likewise, in music, women are very much walking hand in hand with men. The way they are depicted in the videos is all about how the songs come out. There is no obscenity in that until you make one out of it.

Tell us something about yourself? From childhood to stardom? How has been the journey?
I was born here in India. Just like a normal child, I went to school, had my share of fun, fights and crushes before we moved to the United States. It was a cultural shock for me there at first. But then we lived there. But I miss India a lot. It has been a good journey so far. But I have a lot to achieve.

What do think of other Punjabi singers?
Oh, they are really good man. I have heard many of them and they are quiet amazing.

Any thoughts on Honey Singh? Have you heard him?
Oh yes man. He is definitely a rockstar. I have listened to his songs and he is sensational.

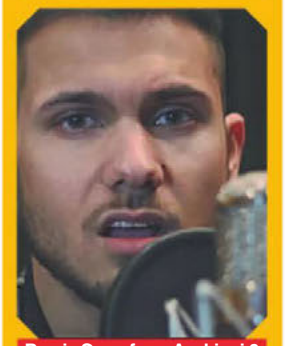
What about food? Are you a foodie?
I love my dad's tandoori chicken and biryani. He is the world's best cook. Despite living in the US for a long time, we don't miss Indian food. Oh, you should try it once man. I am not exaggerating.

Are you connected with you fans via social network? Going by your looks your notification panel must be buzzing all the time!
Thanks man. Yeah, I am on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and regularly talk to my fans. I keep them posted about my whereabouts.

When do we see you in Bollywood, composing and singing for stars?
Things are in the pipeline. We are in talks with some companies. If anything materializes, you will know for sure. Fingers crossed for now!

What's next for you in terms of career?
After the Valentine's day song, I am coming up with a new song soon. And there are many projects waiting. My hands are full man. No time at all. Plus, I want to roam around India. Visit my birthplace in Punjab.

HE IS TAKING MUSIC BY STORM



Remix Song from Aashiqui 2
Teri Galiyaan Remix



Single feat. Amar Sandhu
Double Addi



Single from Micks Tape
Bad Girl



Single from Micks Tape
In Love

Words:Sudhakar Jha

It is tough living with the tag of official DJ of Shah Rukh Khan but Khushi is living it easy!

07

Remix

DJ KHUSHI

It is not for nothing that he is the official DJ of Sharukh Khan. Like his name, he is spreading happiness through music!



DJ Khushi Soni has the same mantra of "Haters gonna hate, continue doing your work." Coming from Army background, music was not in his veins, but Michael Jackson inspired him so much that now he is known as the official DJ of King Khan.

Hi Khushi, What are you up to these days?

Hey. Life is great. I am doing a lot of stuff these days, so keeping myself busy with work.

Your Beparwah MBA swag for Baby is creating a lot of buzz. How do you feel?

Meet brothers have done a great job with Beparwah. It's a first release of the year for them also. I was unable to do Baby Doll for them but this one, I started doing. Everyone loved, Neeraj Pandey loved it and that is more important. Without his approval, nothing can happen.

Who introduced you to music?

Aah, nobody man! My family is not into any kind of music. They don't have any musical background But I was always fond of music. I was a big fan of Michael Jackson and used to listen to his songs at 4 in the morning to listen to the legend. I our times, cassettes were there. But then came the internet and we started downloading music. So you can imagine my phone bills at that time. Nobody supported me and I myself had no idea that I will become a DJ.

And how did you get started in the industry?

I think when I went to Mumbai and spent 4-6 months every year but nobody wanted to meet me. I didn't get any break. Then I met Mohammad Morani who is the owner of Cineyug, who handles Shahrukh Khan. They introduced me to Pritam and then I got Tum Mile. Pritam really liked my mix and that is how it started. But my biggest break was Chammak Challo. I was told to complete ASAP as it had to be put in the album. Shahrukh really liked it and made me his official DJ.

You have had the chance to work with A.R. Rahman, how was the experience?

I don't even know what to say. In India, there is no bigger image than Rahman sir in music. So when I actually got a call to mix for him, I thought somebody is playing a prank on me. Because you know a friend of mine had done it before. So I said don't disturb me, I am not interested. But then things finalized! He is a musical genius. He is not a fan of remixes. But I managed to crack the code! I was so happy when he approved the song in one go!

> "I gel well with anyone who gels well with me. There are some DJs who like you and then there are some DJs who hate you."

What's your idea behind mixing original songs with your music?

The idea is to keep the essence of the original song. The composers are very touchy about their songs. So I try to repackage and rebrand it so that it doesn't sound original. It should be soothing to the ears and something which I can dance on. The music has to be melodious. If it is melodious it will work in any part of the world.

Do you gel well with other DJs? Or is there a sense of competition?

I gel well with anyone who gel wells with me. HAHAHA. There is always a competition. There should be competition as you have to be one your toes and don't take it for granted. There are DJs who like you, and then there are DJs who hate you. That's part of the job, you can't do anything about it.

Tell us something about your childhood?

I was born and brought up in Delhi. Went to Army Public School. There were students from different walks of life. You have to stay together and do everything together. Maybe that's the reason why I still have my head on my shoulder. I have learned to balance life right from childhood.

You own a restaurant in Delhi. Are you a foodie or is it just a business venture?

Oh, I am big foodie. That's why I started my restaurant in Hauz Khas Village. But now I feel, being just a foodie was better than owning a restaurant. Hahaha!

Are you a social networking buff, connecting with the fans and keeping them updated?

Oh, yes! I am always available for my fans on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Social networking is the way ahead for everyone. It's the best way to keep yourself in the news!

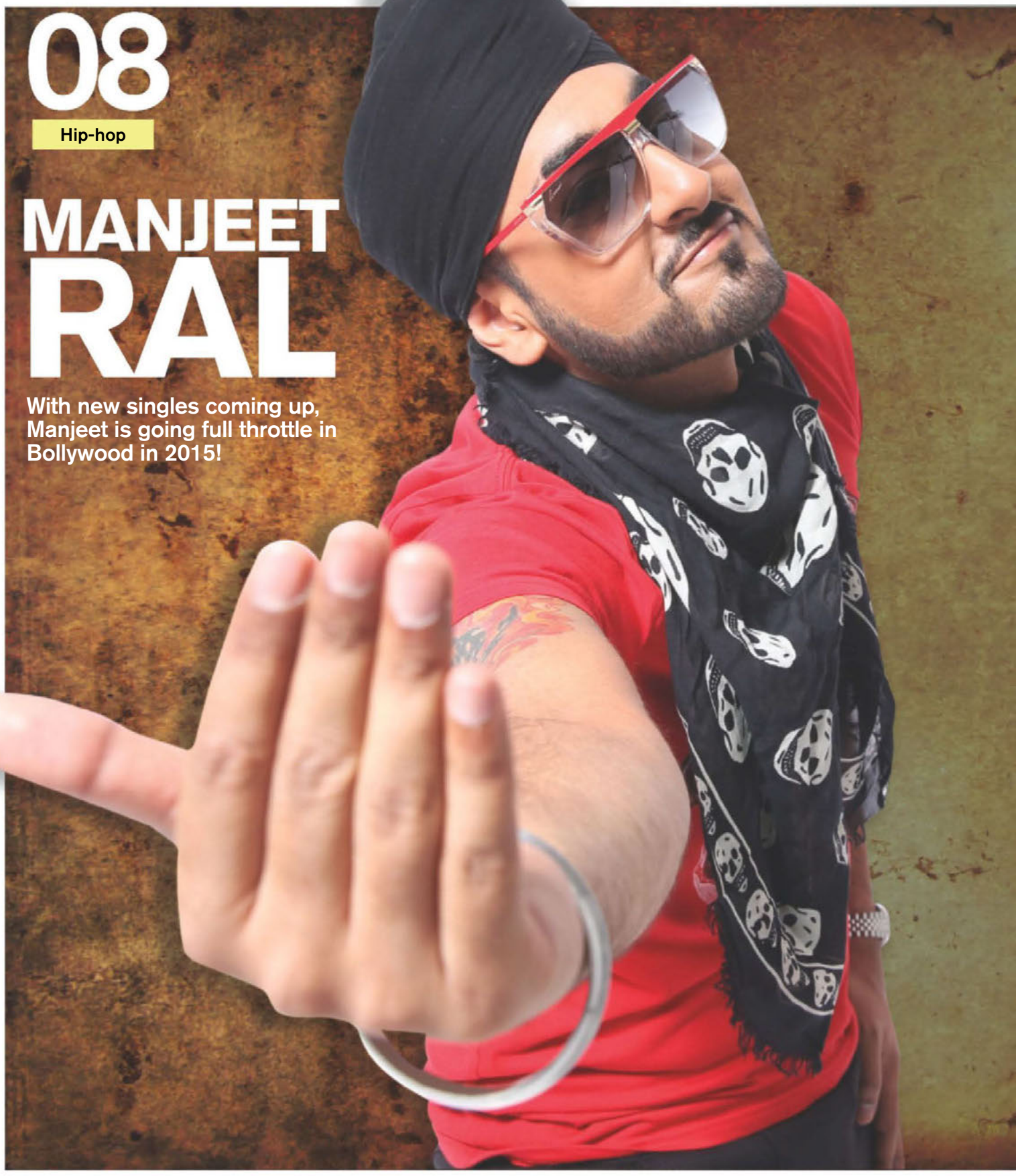
What's the plan ahead?

Plan ahead is to make more songs. Composing original songs is the goal ahead in 2015. Hopefully I will be able to do it. I have some meetings lined up. Keeping my fingers crossed!





Words:Sudhakar Jha



08

Hip-hop

MANJEET RAL

With new singles coming up, Manjeet is going full throttle in Bollywood in 2015!

Manjeet Ral might have parted ways with RDB, but he is going as strong as ever. He has even come up with the best collaboration of all times...

Hi Manjeet, how is life? What are you doing these days?

Hey. Life is all good. Traveling back and forth from Canada to India is taking a toll. But yeah, I am enjoying it.

You have recently teamed up with some of the biggest Punjabi singers to come up with a new song. How was that venture?

Right now, there are different stars! And you know the album days are gone. People are releasing singles after singles. Because with singles, you can get more promotions, you can pump in more money. So, that's why I am working with different artists. There are not only Punjabi artists but more international artists as we are trying to bring in more international music in India.

So, what is the theme behind this album?

International music... Punjabi international music!

Is this to give some kind of a global reach to indi-pop music?

Yeah, yeah! Hip hop is from the streets. It's a culture. Its like saying what you feel through music. Desi hip hop should be a music genre of it own.

What happened with RDB? Why the divorce?

After Kohli paaji passed away, he was the founder of RDB and he brought all of us together. I didn't want to create more music under RDB. Suppose if some day we create a music ut people say this is shit as we were supposed to carry on the legacy of Kohli paaji. I did not want any negativity around us. So to leave RDB as a legacy, I left just like Beatles and Black Eyed Peas was abandoned leaving a legacy behind them.

It must have taken time for you to get back in the industry? RDB were going strong any way!

I am guessing that was twice tough. To carry on and saying I am RDB and then release something and fail. I did not want to tarnish the brand. Rather leave it at the top. That was like the peak of the peak. We didn't agree on that point. But now I have moved on.

We know Punjabis are known to celebrate and find reasons to celebrate. Is this what Party like a Punjabi signifies?

Everybody knows Punjabi love to party. So I wanted to make a signature "If you want to party, party like a Punjabi! You know when we were shooting in Toronto, there were many people around. After the song finished they all started singing the song! That was kind of an accomplishment.

Tell us about your childhood and how music played a part in shaping it up?

I grew up in a small city called Bradfort. It was dominated by Muslims. There was a small community of Sikhs. Even the school was not that good. We had it hard at the young age, bullying and all! Our upbringing was like a small family. It was not a big, lavish upbringing! But from that age only, we loved making music. Me and Kohli paaji used to give our CDs to DJs and tell them to play it. And when it was played once, we were a hit!

Do you like to connect with your fans just through songs or via social networking as well?

Oh, yeah, yeah. I am constantly on Instagram and Twitter. I always reply to fans who even say crap to us.

What is the plan ahead in 2015? What more we will see of you?

So many things man. We have many singles and films lined up.



I wanted to leave RDB as a legacy but we had too many disagreements

Words:Sudhakar Jha; Photos: Dabboo Ratnani



09

Lessons in love

Let Kevin Hart woo you a lady

If you're already concerned you'll be spending Valentine's Day alone with a microwave meal for one and a tear-drenched pillow, then fear not. Brilliant comedian-turned-actor Kevin Hart is here to help. "When you're trying to hit on a lady, it's great to laugh at yourself a little," he teaches *FHM*, ahead of his role as best-man-for-hire in February's rom-com *The Wedding Ringer*. "Say what she's thinking, and be a little self-deprecating. Like, I'll say, 'I may be small, but I've got a big heart', y'see? But don't be too sensitive. Don't be the guy throwing a coat over a puddle for a girl." Now to put eight romantic comedy romance clichés to Kev to see if the movies *really* can teach how to fall in love…

The Wedding Ringer *is in cinemas 20 February*

SMOOTH

Fill her room with cuddly toys
"Yeah, I've done something in that ball park before. It's a good one, and I can honestly tell you, girls love that sort of thing."

Buy matching t-shirts
"Uh huh, I've done this too. It's fun, and you can laugh together which is always a bonus."

Serenade her
"You can make a serenade manlier if you're playing the guitar at the same time. As long as you can do that, that's all good. Man, I wish I had that skill in my repertoire."

Write a love poem
"A poem? That's all good. Just don't get too soppy with it. When you start writing stuff like, 'You make my bones ache when I think of your booty shake,' that's when you know you've crossed the line."

Create a photo collage
"Ha, I've done this too! You need to remember it's a great memory piece. You're taking her down memory lane, so you shouldn't get too soppy with it."

Arrange food to spell out love message
"I'm on the fence with this one. I mean, how long is the message? It's got to be short and sweet, or the cholesterol will kill her."

Send love texts through the day
"No, if you do that you're not romantic, you're just annoying."

Shed a tear after sex
"Jesus no, no, that is not acceptable. As a man, I'm telling you a man

Weird

10

New sports

Ask if electricity is removing the balls from motorsports



We may have closed out the last F1 season in patriotic style, but there's a brand-new supercharged motorsport on the circuit, one that's still revving up speed fans through to mid-June. Formula E, the world's first fully-electric racing series that's halfway through its first season, isn't just causing shockwaves in the Formula 1 world, it's strapping electrodes to its gonads and sending a seismic pulse through them.

F1 may have been flirting with electric power since 2009, but the fledgling championship sees a full-on committal to all-sparky engines. Critics bemoan the distinct lack of grunt in Formula E, with top race speeds at a 'doddery' 130mph compared to the insane 200mph-plus records smashed in F1. But even the fastest lap in F1 can't stop its slow decline, where it's now lacking much on-track competition, and in-fighting is rife.

Meanwhile, Formula E is fast(ish) gaining a rep for innovation among genuine race fans. It's a hit with the tree-huggers among us, and the eco technology is evolving on a race-by-race basis. But the most tempting element is the level of fan interaction afforded to FE-lovers. The 'Fan boost' app allows spectators to vote for their favourite driver, with the most popular three being awarded an extra 30kw to use for five seconds per race.

Now, the glitz of Formula E could be coming to an Asda car park near you. While F1 relies on sweeping shots of yacht-owning billionaires quaffing champers in Monaco, FE takes a one-day race format to city centre circuits, with the final race of the year screaming around London. It remains to be seen whether Formula E will give F1 a run for its vast mountain of money, but it's not running out of charge any time soon.

11

Video game

Prepare for another zombie uprising

Another instalment of *Resident Evil* lands this month, with yet more undead to bish, bash and bosh through. But when the zombie apocalypse finally does arrive, how many of us will have shotguns, and giant chain guns to defend ourselves with? Luckily, your home is filled with weapons to effectively dispatch the walking dead…

WEAPON	AS SEEN IN…	EFFECTIVE AGAINST…	UNDEAD ATTRIBUTES…	DIFFICULTY LEVEL…	INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE…	CHANCE OF SUCCESS?
Morrison's plastic shopping bag	*28 Days Later*	Running Holy Man Zombie	Identical to Father Jack from *Father Ted*, but loads faster and deader.	**Beginner**	Fill your bag with tinnies and swing directly into your Man Of God's skull.	**Promising**
Dire Straits vinyl record	*Shaun of the Dead*	Greenfingers Zombie	Attracted to gardens, appearance of drunkenness, may want 'a cuddle'.	**Intermediate**	Dust off your beloved vinyl and channel your inner pro Frisbee skills.	**Low to medium**
Magnum	*Resident Evil*	Lumberjack'n'Sack Zombie	Wears potato sack over face, loves to chop things into bits with a chainsaw.	**Psycho**	Unwrap Magnum, load with Magnum bullets, point at sack head and fire.	**Slim at best**
Lawnmower	*Braindead*	Monkey Rat Zombie	A special type of zombie infected by the Sumatran Rat-Monkey virus.	**Expert**	Attach lawn mower to chest, fire up, avoid getting undead head guts in mouth.	**High to perfect**
Bingo ball cage	*Dead Rising*	Mall Rat Zombie	Like shopping malls. Look for top bargains on microwaves and 2-for-1 pasta sauces.	**Expert**	Find your old Xmas bingo ball, attach battery, roll into crowd of zombies.	**High to perfect**
Make-up remover	**Music videos**	Rob Zombie	Long hair; loud singing voice; rock band in tow; 460k Twitter followers.	**Intermediate**	Apply make-up remover to Rob Zombie's face, reveal normal human being.	**Can't fail**



Things are heating up in the cinema. Bring swimwear

12

Girl crush

Jump in the tub with Bianca Haase

If there's one thing you can't accuse *Hot Tub Time Machine 2* of having, it's a misleading title. It features a hot tub. Again. And it's a time machine. Still. And, knowing that the likeable douchebags that made the first one so funny-stupid are back, you won't be hailed as the Messiah for guessing there's dick gags and drunken hijinks aplenty, and out-of-their-league ladies raising the temperature in bikinis.

What we do need to prepare you for, however, is a particular scene that will blow your boxers into the Bronze Age. It contains the hot sauce-loving, Thin Lizzy-worshipping, LA-living, girl-we-demand-we-see-more-of Bianca Haase, strutting around a futuristic mansion in nothing but a few stitches of clothing. It's a vision we've seriously considered tattooing on the inside of our eyelids. So incredibly hot is her cameo that it'd be irresponsible of us to let you head into the cinema without preparing your peepers for her amazingness. We're thoughtful like that, you see.

Photography: Collin Stark

Levi's remodels Original 501

The original 501 was their masterpiece, so get ready for another experience!



Levi's has launched its all new Levi's 501 CT. Wondering what is CT? oh, it is Customized and Tapered! The Levi's brand continues to offer the much loved Original 501 jean in an extensive range of sizes, colours and finishes. And with the 501 CT, it's all about giving the fans the ultimate choice in their 501 through a customized and tapered leg. Levi's customers have been customizing their jeans for decades, and that is why Levi's thought why not do it for the customers themselves. The new 501® CT has a little more room at the waist so it sits slightly lower for a more relaxed fit, and we've tapered the leg from the knee to the ankle, so you don't have to. Available for 3501 onwards at levi.in

Compiled by: Sudhakar Jha



13

Second coming

THE CURIOUS CASE OF SKODA YETI

Skoda is hoping their unappreciated Yeti will find takers this time around. FHM finds out if there's any lovin to spare

Unless you're Captain America and have just been revived from hibernation, you already know that cars are classified as hatchbacks, sedans, MPVs or SUVs, based on the way they look. A hatch is great in the city thanks to it's small footprint and a sedan is more practical thanks to a boot. Those looking to seat seven go for MPVs and those who want added style and off roading abilities buy SUVs. And then there are crossovers. These are cars that don't really fit one mould and end up confusing the rest of us. Case in point, the Skoda Yeti. When it was launched four years back, people avoided it like the plague. It didn't matter if was comfy and practical, buyers weren't having any of it. It was mainly because of the way it looked, or rather didn't. An SUV with the look and feel of a big hatch was a concept that Indian buyers just didn't get then. Unfortunately not many get the point even today.

Skoda isn't giving up on the Yeti though, and has launched a new face-lifted version. It's one of the milder updates as far as face-lifts go, and looks pretty much the same as before, but now is a bit smarter with those rectangular headlamps. Ditching the large googly daytime running lamps for LEDs is the best thing Skoda has done to the new Yeti. Also, it will now be available in a two tone paint scheme which looks neat in the flesh. The rest of the changes though are more subtle. Taillamps have angular detailing, the wheels are new, the front grille and faux skid plates have been redesigned as well. That's all the external tweaks covered, so let's see how it drives. The 4x2 variant that we drove is powered by a 2.0-litre diesel engine that makes all of 110PS. Thumb the starter, yes it gets button start now, and the engine settles into a calm idle which is quite surprising for a diesel. No clatter, no vibrations, just a bassy drone in the background. On the move too, it's not intrusive and has an inherent smoothness in the way it works. Push the throttle and the torque builds up like a wave, pulling relentlessly in each gear and it's quite easy getting addicted to this punchy mid-range. Another thing that's improved is the clutch pedal action. The new Yeti didn't stall from a stand still as often as the earlier version.

Another plus is the features you get. There's the fantastic 12 way adjustable electric seats with memory function. Also, the music system now connects to your phone via Bluetooth and gets touchscreen functionality. Bi-xenon headlamps light the way and cornering function has been built in along with fog lamps.

What hasn't changed is the Yeti's hatchback-on-stilts driving dynamics, and that's a good thing. It does feel top heavy when going around a corner, but it doesn't act like a boat as other 'proper' SUVs. And it's relatively compact footprint lets you drive through gaps in traffic where you'd think twice in a bigger car. A less recognised feature of the Yeti is the brilliant build quality. Everything from the leather wrapped steering to the soft touch plastics reeks of quality, and you'd be hard pressed to find any cost cutting here. Unfortunately this reflects in the costs too. At ₹20.10 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi) for the 4x2 or ₹21.80 lakh for the 4x4, it's just too expensive. And despite it's brilliance, its really hard to justify that price tag. Buy one only if you're not deterred by the costs and don't care if it isn't an SUV.





TOP NOTCH
Some luxury cars aren't as well built. Cabin is bathed in top quality materials



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE
Well can you? Those tail lamps have new rectangular detailing. And... well, that's it.



TWO TONE
Silver roof and black body of test car looked smashing. Seven colour combos are available.



LIGHTEN UP
Gone are the quirky round lamps. Now replaced with more generic units. Love those DRLs.



SPECS OF SKODA YETI

Price	Engine	Torque	Power	Gearbox
₹ 20.12 lakh	1,968 cc	250 Nm	110 bhp	5-speed manual

Words: Abhishek Saksena





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Best on mobile

When you have EA Sports series, Would you even try this? It's worth a shot!

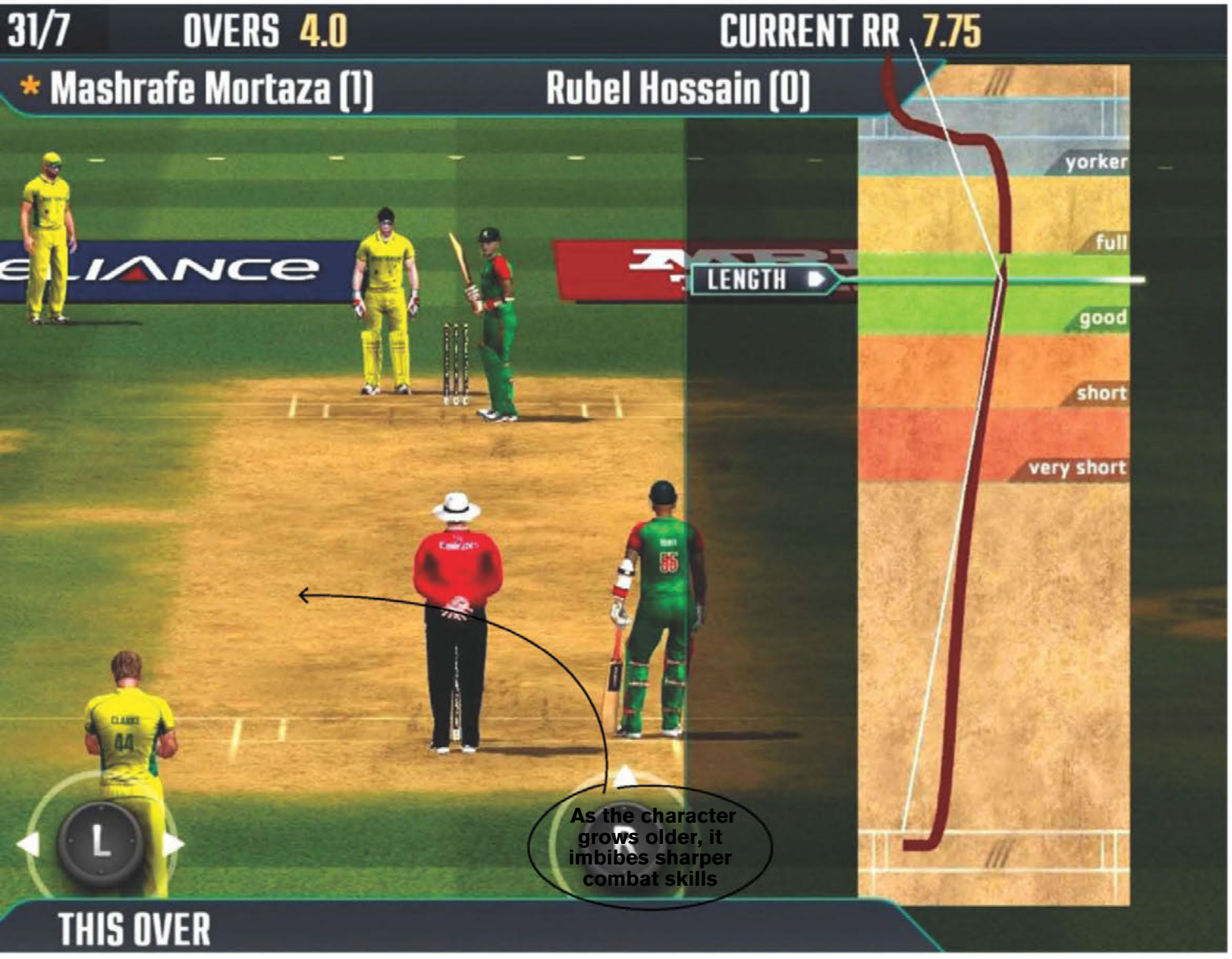
Ever since the 1999 World Cup, an official game is launched every 4 years to celebrate the marquee tournament among the fans. 2015 is no different as Disney India have come up with the official ICC ProCricket 2015 game for the cricket-crazy nation.

Disney have tried to set things straight and cash in on the frenzy behind cricket in India with this new game but have they succeeded?

The game has been launched on Android, iOS, PCs and DTH platform. But a lot in this game shows its origins for a mobile game than anything else.

Cut to where the love lies - in batting - of course, it bears resemblance to many old cricket games. With the 360 analog control on field and a marker to tell you where the ball will land, nothing new is on offer! On the







contrary, the batting shots have been narrowed down to just two - grounded and lofted. The other problem with batting is that there is no timing meter anywhere, so you don't know when is the right time to play a shot!

Bowling is not very easy as firstly you have to choose the length, then the line and if that goes well try after try for the newbies, time the release of the ball to not bowl a no-ball.

There are three game modes - World Cup, Quick Play mode and World Tour mode. The World Cup mode offers a 5-over-a-side match, which was enjoyable as winning is not a problem at all after you get used to the 'timing' of the shots.

The 'ultimate team' styled concept of World Tour is a nice feeling of playing other composite sides in 2 over matches – with a requirement for a number of local players in your side. Train, upgrade, sell, buy! Dream Team is your team and you can do whatever you want. This is a great concept, however let down by having no way to compete against other people – with no online features in the game.

The other stand out feature of the game is the licensed players' names from all the 14 teams participating in this World Cup 2015, unlike the EA sports series.

Our Verdict

The ICC ProCricket can be developed on so many issues of glitches and error reports, but the World Tour mode is worth a try for the team manager residing in you who wants the best out of best in his dream team.

Words: Sudhakar Jha



SPECS OF MINI COOPER D

Price	Engine	Torque	Gearbox	Power
₹ 31.85 lakh onwards	1,496 cc	270 Nm	6-speed automatic	114 bhp

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Super Mini

Mini Cooper

It looks good and goes great. Is this the perfect premium hatchback?

Let's start with a history lesson. When launched in the 60s, the original Mini set the template for affordable hatchbacks which is now common practice. It's front engined, front wheel drive layout made for compact packaging of mechanicals and released cabin space. Over the years, the Mini earned a name for itself in motorsports, winning numerous competitive events including the famous Monte Carlo Rally. With that kind of sporting heritage, we were expecting a lot from the new Mini Cooper D that visited the FHM garage this past month.

But first, it's USP, the design. This latest generation Mini is as retro as retro gets, and you're guaranteed second glances everywhere it goes. Vintage details like chrome surround on the oval headlamps and the window line harks back to the original. So does the floating roof effect and wheels positioned at the corners of the car. What isn't old school though is the car's size. It's not really a 'mini' anymore. It has actually grown in size over the last generation, although it's still smaller than a Mercedes A-class.

Thankfully it was as much fun to drive as we hoped. If you've ever driven a go-kart at a decent clip, you know exactly what we mean. The Mini turns into corners almost telepathically, with nearly no body roll to speak of. The thick rimmed steering wheel is fantastic to hold and the way the car reacts to inputs is pure bliss. In fact the Mini is the most fun you can have in a front wheel drive car. Helping it's cause is the three cylinder diesel engine, that punches above it's weight. It may not have the kick-in-the-backside feel in a standing start, but boy does it get going once on the move. Ton up speeds come easy and the quick shifting box keeps it spinning in the meaty part of the power band. Which is exactly what you need for covering distances quickly.

For all practical purposes, the three door we drove, should be treated as a two seater. The rear seats are best used as luggage space, for the boot isn't too big. If in a situation you do need the seats, let's say for the girl friends's friends, pray they are petite not voluptuous. Otherwise get the five door. At Rs 31. 85 lakh, it is fully loaded, though there are more practical alternatives. But nothing is as much fun to drive or good looking. If you can, we say, take the plunge.

If it looked any more retro, the Mini will have to be put in a museum



Traditional chrome toggle switches add to the Mini's old school charm.



No premium car can do without a panoramic sunroof. The front half slides back.



Original car has a round speedo. Now replaced with a digital display with built in navigation.

Words: Abhishek Saksena


RONALDO
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THE LEGEND THAT IS CRISTIANO RONALDO!

WINNING EVERY TROPHY AT CLUB LEVEL NOT ONCE BUT TWICE IS ENOUGH TO BE CALLED LEGEND

INTERVIEW BY **SUDHAKAR JHA**















Belated Happy Birthday Cris! How does it feel to be in the 30s now?
It feels good; I feel that I have a responsible role in the team now. Not just to perform well on the field, but to help mentor and advise the younger players in the squad.

Is that a role you relish?
Of course I had lots of advice when I was at Manchester United then at Real Madrid, now I want to give something back.

They say that the golden years of a footballer are between 25 to 32. You are living in that period. How does it feel?
My focus is always to keep getting better. It doesn't matter what level you are at there is always room for improvement. It is just my target to improve all the time.

You have been voted as the best premier league player ever. Even after quitting the EPL in 2009, are you amazed by your popularity in England till date?
It is a great honour; of course I really enjoyed my time in England and at Manchester United. When you think of the players who could have won that award like Ryan Giggs, Paul Scholes, and Thierry Henry then of course it is a great honour.

Which league do you like better, English Premier League or the La Liga?
They are the two best leagues in the world. They are very different, but in terms of players, clubs, and the level of football – they are without doubt the two best.

Having played under Sir Alex Ferguson, Jose Mourinho and Carlo Ancelotti, who would you rate as the best manager?
They are three great managers who have achieved so much in the game and for the game. Rather than compare them, I think it is more respectful to talk about them as individuals – because that is what they are.

Ballon d'Or twice in a row. Did you expect it this time?
It is important to never expect it, that way you can never be disappointed. The important thing is to always focus on winning trophies for the team, and then if you do that the personal awards come naturally.

Winning every possible trophy at club level is a dream for any footballer. You have done it twice with both Real and Man Utd. How does it feel to be a legend?
Legend is a big word, and not one I want to concentrate on now. There is still so much I have to achieve. If when I am retired people want to call me a legend and look back, then that will be very flattering. For now though I am so concentrated on success the only direction I want to be looking is forwards.

Winning the World Cup is the ultimate dream for any player. Do you see your dream coming true?
To win The World Cup is the ultimate dream of any player; I can't even imagine the feeling. Of course it my dream to win it, and I have to believe that is still possible. I have to be

" I AM NOT JEALOUS AT ALL. MY SON IS A BIG FAN OF THE WAY MESSI PLAYS. I AM HAPPY FOR MY SON."









realistic; my next World Cup could be my last one, so we will just have to see what happens.

Your son is a Lionel Messi fan. Does it make you feel jealous?
Of course not. He is a big fan of the way Messi plays though; he watches his videos on the internet.

How is it being a Father?
I can tell you it is the best feeling in the world. I love football, but nothing compares to being a Father. It puts everything into perspective.

How do you cope up with the comparison with Messi as to who is better?
The media have always made comparisons against us, who is better, who score more goals, and what the media say neither myself nor Messi can control. All I can say is that we have great mutual respect for each other as players. We are not close friends, but as professionals there is much respect on both sides.

Do you have a collection of sports cars? Which one is your favourite?
I love cars, and I have to say there is something really beautiful about a black Lamborghini.

What's your ambition for 2015?
No team has ever retained The Champions League, so that would be a big achievement if Real Madrid could be the first team to do that, and of course we want to win La Liga as well. Of course I have personal goals and targets, but it is always the success of the team first.

AWARDS AND TROPHIES WON BY RONALDO

FIFA Ballon d'Or: 2013, 2014

FIFA World Player of the Year: 2008

UEFA Euro Team of the Tournament: 2004, 2012

UEFA Team of the Year: 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

Sir Matt Busby Player of the Year: 2003–04, 2006–07, 2007–08

PFA Premier League Team of the Year: 2005–06, 2006–07, 2007–08, 2008–09

FA Young Player of the Year: 2006–07

PFA Players' Player of the Year: 2006–07, 2007–08

Barclays Player of the Year 2006–07, 2007–08

ESM Team of the Year: 2006–07, 2007–08, 2010–11, 2011–12, 2012–13, 2013–14

Premier League Golden Boot: 2007–08

European Golden Shoe: 2007–08, 2010–11, 2013–14

FIFA FIFPro World XI: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

UEFA Champions League top scorer: 2007–08, 2012–13, 2013–14

UEFA Club Forward of the Year: 2007–08

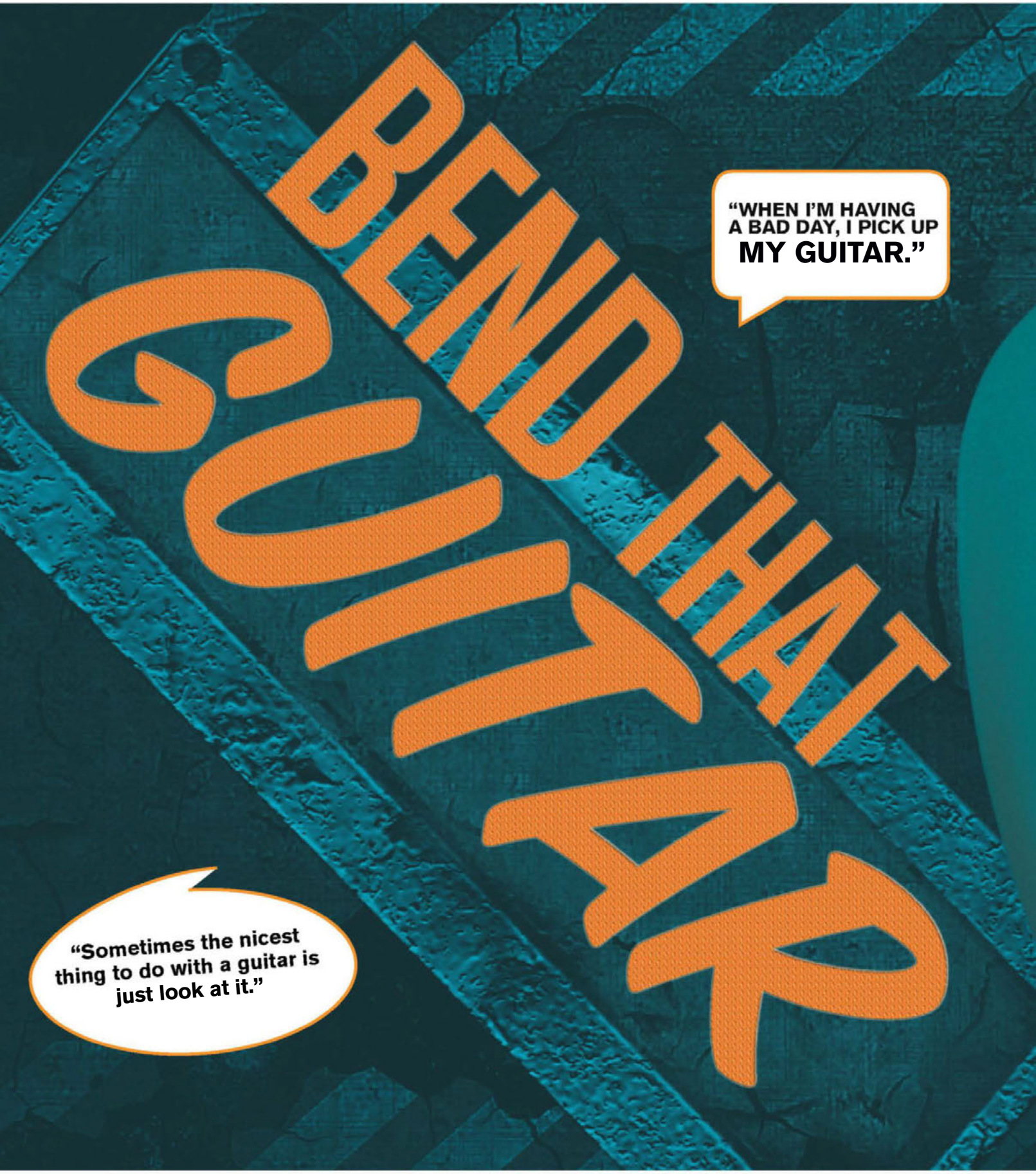
UEFA Club Footballer of the Year: 2007–08

FIFA Club World Cup Silver Ball: 2008, 2014
Ballon d'Or: 2008

FIFPro World Player of the Year: 2008
Onze d'Or: 2008, 2013

World Soccer Player of the Year: 2008, 2013, 2014

FIFA Puskás Award: 2009


BEND THAT GUITAR
"WHEN I'M HAVING A BAD DAY, I PICK UP MY GUITAR."
"Sometimes the nicest thing to do with a guitar is just look at it."



Be it flatpicked, hammered on or pulled off, the liberating sound of a guitar dominates every Rock n Roll stage. There have been so many icons in this territory that it's difficult to brand one as the best. Here are some of the most loved guitars in the world that were raised to legendary fame by their cool looks and the genius of their players.

TEXT BY **SIDDHARTH M JOSHI**

01 OLD BOY SG

This rough, rustic solid guitar looked half finished when John Diggins closed making it on his kitchen table in about 2 weeks. Tony Iommi, of Black Sabbath, had pursued Diggins to accompany them to the States as a tech guy for him on the tour, and he didn't have time for a finer finish. However, the guitar had tremendously improved upon the sound of Iommi's previous instrument, and its custom cross inlays complimented the band's dark image. To add to that look, at a later date, the guitar got left behind in a car on a hot afternoon and the paint bubbled up. Iommi retired the guitar after decades of ruthless playing, but it still stands priceless among all Sabbath guitar fans!

BEND that GUITAR



02 FRANKENSTRAT

Also popular as The Frankenstein, this stratocaster was assembled by Eddie Van Halen himself by combining a Fender look and a Gibson sound. His knowledge of electrical circuitry was limited, so he removed both tone control potentiometers and wired the pickups in a simple circuit. He famously used a knob that read "tone" on the volume control spot. It was originally painted black and white by Van Halen, but he got pissed when people started copying his guitar. He finally painted over it with red Schwinn bicycle paint and crisscrossing black & white lines. It is one of the most replicated guitars today.

03 TIGER

Heaviest in the list, this cocobolo top guitar was built in the "Hippie Sandwich" tradition, where several layers of wood were sandwiched together, creating beautiful layers of the guitar. Grateful Dead lead guitarist and singer Jerry Garcia got it made by Doug Irwin with innovative electronics that would be capable of producing the various sounds he needed onstage from one instrument. This remained, from his portmanteau of custom-made guitars, Garcia's main guitar for the longest period of time.

04 AXE BASS

The hard rock bass guitarist Gene Simmons of KISS commissioned star luthier Steve Carr to build a prototype of a guitar that would represent the band's cynicism and badass attitude on stage. It was shaped like a battle-axe and aimed at being handled as a weapon. For every fan of the face painted, energy bombshells, there are two who dislike them, yet the guitar gimmick was a big hit. It has been a running trademark for the band that has been selling like hot cakes despite an insane price tag.

05 BLACKIE

Eric Clapton got this assembled from three different old Fender Satratocasters out of six he had bought in Nashville. He gave away one each to friends, George Harrison, Steve Winwood and Pete Townshend, and dismantled the rest to build Blackie, named so for its black finish. This may be one of the most recognisable celebrity-associated guitars in the world, even without any horns, dark inlays or radical motifs. It remained his favourite for a long time, and hits like "Cocaine" and "Wonderful Tonight" have all been recorded, live or in studio, on it. In 2004, it was named one of the top 10 Fender Stratocasters "to die for".





BEND that GUITAR

GUITAR LEGENDS ON THEIR FIRST GUITAR

SLASH/EX-GNR
"The first really significant memory was when I had this Les Paul copy and a little Fender Twin with an MXR distortion pedal. I hit an A chord that all guitar players look for and it was like the Holy Grail. That was a very inspiring moment for me as a musician."

MICK BOX/ URIAH HEEP
"I was 14 years old, so it was quite a while ago. I went with my mum to buy it from a pawnbroker and it was £12.10 in old money. It was a hollow body cutaway, with the one DeArmond pickup; the action was like a bow and arrow."

06 THE TWANG MACHINE

This is the most oxymoronic shape on the list, a rectangle, designed after older stringed instruments that were made out of cigar boxes. Apparently, American R&B vocalist, guitarist and songwriter, Bo Diddley hit himself in the nuts while jumping and playing his guitar on stage, and so he got himself this. We don't know how that defended him against a similar accident in future, but today it stands as one of the most iconic guitars, maybe because of Diddley's status as the man who influenced Jimi Hendrix, The Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd and a lot more biggies. Gretsch still makes replicas of The Twang Machine.

07 TRIGGER

What's so great about an old acoustic guitar that has a withered hole instead of a pick guard? That! Willie Nelson, the country dude, got his guitar broken into pieces by a drunk man, who managed to fall on it right on the stage. This Martin N-20 classical guitar was a replacement and has stuck with the man for over 45 years. It was meant to be played finger-style but Nelson's ruthless strum picks dug a hole into it. Named after Roy Rogers' horse, it stands as one of the most iconic guitars in the world.

08 WASHBURN HAWK CUSTOM

Bob Marley's custom made Washburn 22 fret wing series Hawk guitar has been termed as one of the most expensive guitars in the world. It enjoys this status because this was the rastaman's personal guitar and none of the others would ever be available on public domain. This has been classified as a national asset by the Jamaican government, and the current owner was offered a whopping $5 million, though he refused to sell it. Fortunately for fans, there are custom guitar makers who offer a replica of this masterpiece.

SPACE TRAVELLER





Be an Intergalactic traveller

Exhausted all terrestrial destinations already? But the old itch to explore something new is back up your ass? Pull up those socks and space-suit up! For, it's time to go beyond…

TEXT BY **SIDDHARTH M JOSHI**

f you're contemplating a journey into space, you deserve our heartiest congratulations for choosing an astounding spot in the posterior-end of eternity. There will be no honking on the roads, no speed breakers to slow you down, and better still you will have the coolest stories to tell friends back home. But this will need a plan. And a solid one too! 'Cause once you're out there, it'll be difficult to take a U-turn when you realise halfway en route that you forgot your favourite music CD back on earth. Neither will it be cool to ask the guys handling the stick to take a detour and hit one of the rings of Saturn instead. Listen to your space-travel agency. They may be a bunch of geeks but they know the technical shit. For everything else, listen to us.

Keep the cash ready

Don't get carried away by lower prices; they look attractive on the outside but may not fly at all. Back in 1985, when the average cost per passenger of a cosmonaut was $1-1.5 million without government subsidy, the National Space Society of US claimed that within 30 years a passenger would be able to travel space for just $25,000. But that doesn't seem to be happening. So, be prepared to shed anything over $30 million for a full fledged round trip, because we don't think a turn around in prices is even remotely in the offing

Get an Eye Mask

We know how painful it is to wake up early in the morning everyday. In fact, we don't know how a sunrise looks like since 2001. But out in the space if you plan to hover around low in the Earth's orbit, you will not witness just one, not five, not 10, but 16 sunrises in a day's time. So, it's going to be really hard to catch a nap, if you don't carry an eye mask to block that sunlight. Though on the first few days when this is still a wonder for you, you can click pictures of all the sunrises and post them on FB with as many good morning messages, all through the day.



"IF OFFERED A SEAT ON A ROCKET SHIP, DON'T ASK WHICH SEAT, JUST GET ON THE FRIGGIN' THING"









Choose the right agent

There are both government and private players that arrange space trips. Richard Branson's Virgin Group has already started selling tickets for a token booking fee of $20,000 but only for a few hours long suborbital flight. For longer tours pick one that suits your itinerary, for example Excalibur Almaz is all set to launch a private expedition to the moon; Space Adventures Ltd. would take you on a circumlunar mission to moon. SpaceX sounds the coolest among the lot that would take you to any space station out there, as you like.





SOME INTERESTING STATS ABOUT SPACE TRAVEL

547
is the total number of people who have been in space so far (astronauts and cosmonauts)

538
is the total number of people who have been in earth's orbit so far (astronauts and cosmonauts)

123
(Man years) is the total time spent by humans in space so far (by astronauts and cosmonauts)

$17.5
(million) is the FY 2015 budget proposal for NASA by the Obama administration

DENNIS TITO, THE FIRST SPACE TOURIST SAYS...

"Before I flew to space, I had no idea how comfortable it would be. I think if a lot of people know what I know now there would be a huge demand."



Carry some good music

Films like Gravity and Interstellar showed us that time in a spacecraft can get monotonous, so we suggest you take with you a stash of your favourite music. Other than that will you please carry a CD of NoClue, the rapper, for us! We'd like to know if the guy raps as fast in outer space as he does on earth, given that Time works faster in space and gravity expands or some shit like that that we didn't understand in Interstellar. Whatever be, we'd like to know if a 14.1 syllables per second song is finally comprehensive by mortals when they leave earth!

Carry a good camera phone

To have travelled so far and not bring back memories on Instagram is not what you want to do. And who would know you were there if you didn't take a selfie with that meteor shower or the spinning ball of earth! Uploading pictures right as you click them won't be a problem either. SpaceX is working on a new micro satellite technology that can make internet services available to a billion users down below with satellites they'd plant in space. A little bandwidth up there won't hurt much. Don't freak out if FB doesn't show the right location on GPS for checking-in, though.

Pack for clothes

If you haven't realised it yet, astronauts wear the same outfit everyday. If your trip is going to last longer than a 12 day stint, then you will have to carry changeovers. DON'T TRY TO DO YOUR LAUNDRY IN SPACE. And no, going the ET or PK style is not going to help either. Staying naked for days in a closed setting with fellow tourists is not at all a good idea. You will be on camera all the time, and you don't want to look lousy, stupid or just like a douchebag with awkward flab in all its glory. Karl Aspelund, Asst. Professor at the University of Rhode Island is researching on the design and cultural needs of clothing in long term space explorations. We're sure this guy will come out with a solution by the time you make up your mind which travel plan to choose.


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THE Record BREAKER

Words: Joe Madden **Photos:** Pal Hansen

She's the legendary DJ with the power to skyrocket your dance music career into the chart stratosphere. Get the nod of approval from Annie Mac, and you're set for stardom…

"I walked onstage to this wall of noise – my name, being chanted. And I was actually moved to tears. I had to have a word with myself: 'Not a good look, crying while DJing!' I spent the first 10 minutes with my head bowed right down, trying to hold it together. It was just… phenomenal. I'll never forget it."

Annie Mac's Saturday set at Glastonbury 2014 saw her shift from being a *big* deal in the UK dance music scene to being perhaps the *biggest*. Here's your proof that the 36-year-old DJ is truly the Cool Big Sister of Britain's young ravers, whose wild weekends are religiously bookended by her two hugely popular Radio 1 shows, in which she eggs on your Friday hedonism, then soothes your broken mind during the comedown. "We kick off Fridays all big and giddy, then the Sunday night show's a mellower, 'all back to mine' vibe."

Aside from broadcasting, there's Annie's club DJing, which has now reached the travelling-by-private-jet, three-gigs-in-one-night, huge-crowds-chanting-her-name level. Then there are the annual *Annie Mac Presents* compilations, which have grown, over the course of six volumes, into a bona fide yearly 'event' within electronic music; a multi-platinum, buzzed-over snapshot of what's hot and what's next. Make it on to an *AMP* tracklist, and you can truly say you've arrived.

Her uncanny instinct for next-big-thing spotting launched the careers of the UK's »

two current biggest dance acts: Rudimental and Disclosure. She played both acts' earliest tracks, then booked them on to the Annie Mac Presents 2012 tour. Her support proved life-changing: within months, Disclosure had dropped half-finished A-levels for first-week album sales of 45,000; Rudimental went from council jobs in favour of prime tables at the BRIT, MOBO, EMA and Mercury awards.

All the while, Annie's managed to keep one foot in the mainstream, one in the underground. She'll champion poppy tracks that go on to storm the charts – see Kiesza's *Hideaway* – but she counterbalances them with darker, harder tunes from the outreaches of electronic music. She's gained the trust of everyone from frowning techno snobs to lairy party monsters alike – an incredibly rare trick. Her secret? "I try not to worry about who I'm gonna please," she shrugs. "There are too many people to try and keep happy – and once you get your head into that place, you're *fucked*."

Sitting across from *FHM* above a west London pub, looking back over her decade-long career in music, Annie MacManus seems understandably happy with her lot. That distinctive, Dublin-via-London brogue regularly crackles into laughter as she marvels at the fact that, through sheer bloody-mindedness, she actually managed to achieve her ridiculously specific teenage dream: to land her own Radio 1 show on which she championed leftfield dance music.

It was during her first year at uni in Belfast that Annie fell hopelessly in love with dance music, her growing obsession fuelled by a weekend job at cutting-edge club Shine ("It specialised in techno – Belfast likes its dance music *hard*"), and Mary-Anne Hobbs' Monday-night Radio 1 show, The Breezeblock. "I was ob-*sessed* with that show," Annie sighs. "I distinctly remember listening to Mary-Anne Hobbs and saying to myself, 'I wanna do what she does.'" And she meant that literally.

It was the late '90s – the era of Fatboy Slim and big beat. "I'd listen to Mary- Anne and hear tracks by people like The Wiseguys, Les Rythmes Digitales, and of course, Norman Cook. And I'd record the show, every week – on MiniDisc!"

The Breezeblock was a weekly lifeline for Annie, feeding her invaluable info into what was happening within underground music. It's seems strange to recall now, but back before the internet connected everyone with everything at all times, finding out about killer new tunes was no easy task – and actually *buying* those tracks was even trickier.

"I bought a pair of decks and started digging to find vinyl, but there weren't many places to buy dance music in Belfast – just one huge HMV." Today's fledgling ravers may have instant digital access to more tracks that they could ever listen to, but Annie doesn't envy them. "The way we consume music now, it's so sped-up and fickle. It's all, 'OK, I like that track, next track, yeah that's cool, next, next, next.' Back in the day, records had more time and space to grow and develop, and artists did too. Records like *Blue Lines* by Massive Attack or *Dummy* by Portishead – I know every single moment of those albums, they're stamped into my being. But I can't say the same of albums I hear today."



"EVERY SINGLE MOMENT OF MY FAVOURITE RECORD IS STAMPED INTO MY BEING"

Annie's been heartened, though, by the recent astonishing revival in vinyl sales, and the return of tune-chasing one-upmanship. "What's great is that it encourages people to value the music and value the exclusivity of it. You used to have 100 white labels of a tune pressed up and people would be trying *so* hard and paying *so* much cash to get hold of one. And it felt exciting, hunting down a tune that you wanted, that you *needed*. The access now is so easy, and it makes music feel more disposable, and you get bored quicker."

After finishing her degree, Annie spent a miserable, homesick year in Farnborough, Hampshire, ("It just felt so





cold and dead, culturally") where she completed a course in radio production, before moving to London to realise her insanely singular ambition. "Thing is," she says, "with a job like mine, there's no clear path to getting there. It's not like being a solicitor or a doctor, where you go to uni and study law or medicine. You have to find your own way, and so much of it is about luck and timing and knowing people who'll help you."

Things did not, initially, go swimmingly. "I was grafting, doing lots of different jobs, trying to get to where I needed to be. There were times when it was depressing and exhausting. I'd be so skint. Quite often I was like, 'Fuck this, I can't go on. I give up.'"

Her break into sort-of radio came when she landed a job at the now-defunct Net FM, an online radio station, "back when internet radio was gonna be 'the next big thing'. It was aimed at middle-aged men, so we made shows about cars, the stock market… It was *such* a weird station! It only lasted eight months, then it folded."

But Annie's time at Alan Partridge FM helped her to land a bottom-rung role at BBC Radio London. "I was making tea and filling in for people when they were sick for a good year or so. It set me on the path to being taken seriously." She graduated to Radio 1 where she produced shows and voiced jingles, before being entrusted to stand in for her hero, Mary-Anne Hobbs, presenting The Breezeblock, the show she'd obsessed over. She'd aimed herself at one distinct, distant point – and arrived there, dead on target. "Yeah," she laughs, "it was kind of weirdly focused of me…"

Audiences instantly took to Annie's savvy but down-to-earth persona, and she swiftly bagged her own show. Her fanbase has grown exponentially year-on-year, and is now at the size where a track given the Mac seal of approval stands a solid chance of breaking the top 40. Annie reckons, modestly, that isn't so much down to her own rise in popularity, but to the huge surge in appetite for dance music.

"Dance music as a trend has become so massive, so popular and so ubiquitous, and it's *still* getting bigger. So, if I *really* champion a track then there's a good chance it'll end up going to number one, because dance music is filling up the charts.

"You can use the *Annie Mac Presents* albums as a gauge for this," she continues. "With my early compilations, the label used to say, 'You've gotta put more hits on there!' and I'd be like, "Noo, I don't wanna compromise!' We'd have the same fight, every year. But now, the kinds of tracks I support become proper hits." Dance music's current mainstream visibility is due, in no small part, to America's belated but enthusiastic conversion to rave – or EDM, as they've chosen to call it. Many DJs, producers and dance fans have been extremely vocal in expressing their disdain »



"DJS GET HIGH-HORSEY ABOUT EDM. I LISTENED TO SHIT MUSIC WHEN I WAS 14. SO WHAT?"

for EDM, and the cheesy excesses it represents: stadium crowds worshipping one-man-brand DJs; widespread fake knob-twiddling to pre-recorded sets; plasticky anthems as enormous and empty as a Michael Bay *Transformers* movie. For her part, Annie is no fan of EDM – but she's not prepared to lay into it the way many of her contemporaries have.

"A lot of people have been very outspoken against EDM, and, yeah, it's completely dumbed-down dance music," she shrugs. "It's dance music done the American way – XXXL. In a stadium, you have to have something for people to look at beyond a DJ hunched over a laptop – these people want a *show*, y'know? So yeah, there are the lazers, the Co2 cannons, the confetti cannons, the heart signs" – she winces as she makes a heart-sign with her hands – "and yeah, it *is* over the top, and also totally generic."

You can feel the 'but' coming. "But! The good thing EDM has done in America is cause a trickle-down effect. So you have 17-year-olds into Avicii, but then they grow up. They're 21, 22, and their taste gets more refined. EDM is their entry point, but then they move on to, say, Dirtybird records.

"I mean, when I was 14, I liked shit music. You don't know at that age, you haven't developed. So I don't like it when DJs get high-horsey about EDM – 'Oh my God, can't believe those kids are into that shit music!' It's not like any of us were listening to Carl fucking Craig at 14, is it?" And on that cheerfully ranting note, Annie's press officer taps her watch to signal that they need to get moving – appointments are pressing, people are waiting, time is ticking. Things don't stand still for long when you're the Cool Big Sister to millions.

Annie Mac Presents 2014 is out now

THE MUSIC THAT MADE ME

Annie rifles through her vinyl collection to find the five records that matter most…



Portishead
Dummy
The debut album by Bristolian sad-hoppers Portishead was more than just a great album to Annie – it actually impacted on the path her life would take. "When I was 15, this was one of two albums I got that introduced me to electronic music, and just completely blew me away. I'd listen to *Dummy* over and over, soaking up every moment, every nuance. The other of those two albums was…"



Massive Attack
Blue Lines
One of the defining albums of the 1990s, *Blue Lines* blended hip-hop, reggae, soul and rave, and you can hear its genre-mashing influence reflected in Annie's radio shows and DJ sets today. "I've still got my original vinyl copy of *Blue Lines*. I listened to it the other day, in fact, and it still sounds *so* fresh. It was *so* forward-thinking."



Stevie Wonder
Innervisions
"If my house was burning down and I could only save one piece of vinyl, this would be it." This 1973 album represents the peak not only of Wonder's career, but of Motown Records as a whole. "In Farnborough there was a car-boot sale every week, and there were *shitloads* of records there. I'd buy one record on Motown or by George Clinton or whatever, love it, and then go and buy everything I could find on Motown, or by George Clinton. I was joining the dots."



Les Rythmes Digitales
Darkdancer
Les Rythmes Digitales (AKA Stuart Price, who'd go on to produce Madonna and Kylie) was one of several late-'90s acts who crossbred electro, pop and rave to create the dizzy, supersized sound known as big beat. "I was in the fan club for big-beat label Wall of Sound – they'd send me flyers through the post and I'd stick them up all over my walls."



Daft Punk
Burnin'
This loopy single by the Parisian duo – taken from their debut album *Homework* – still sounds deranged 17 years after its release. Annie's 12-inch of the track is one of her most treasured possessions. "Out on the dancefloor at Shine, dancing to Daft Punk's *Burnin' – that's* when I fell in love with dance music."

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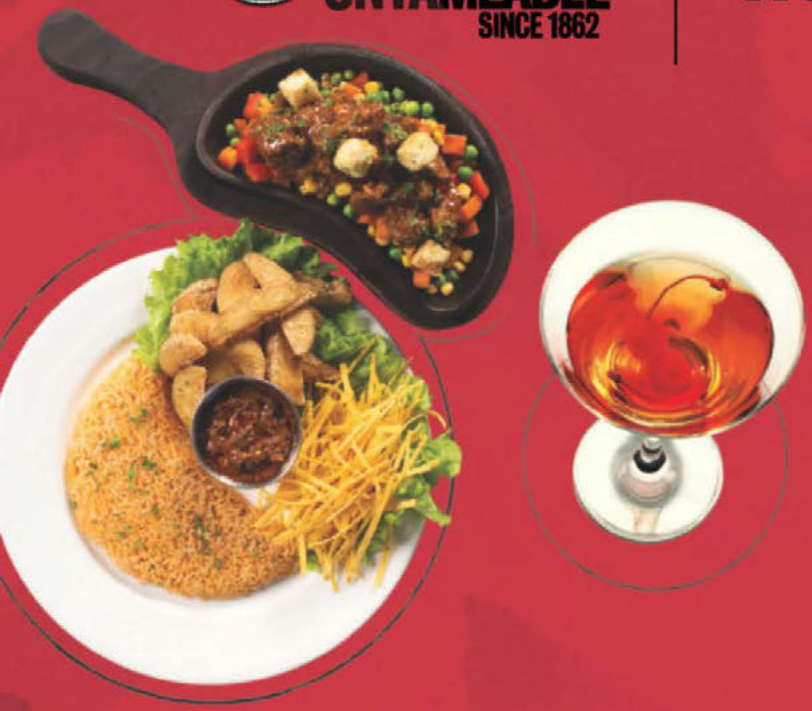
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1 LEH-SRINAGAR HIGHWAY, JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Road trips alone is what people yearn for! So, here is the Leh-Srinagar highway, full of a picturesque lineup and giving you a much-needed thrill of driving in the winds! The perfect escapade for the backpackers who like to tread on their own.

HOW TO REACH

By Road: Reach Leh via bus or private car to Manali. Take a tourism bus from Manali to Leh, which may take 2 days to reach with an overnight halt in between.

By Train: Kalka is the nearest railway station to Leh. Buses or taxis can be hired to reach Manali via Shimla. There are regular taxis and bus services from Manali to Leh.

By Air: Many flights from Delhi to Leh operate with different airlines on a daily and weekly basis.

10 PLACES TO FLY SOLO IN YOUR LIFETIME!

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2 DARINGBADI, ODISHA

There are two sides of Odisha to discover. One with the hottest of summers, with temperature soaring well above 50 degrees. And the other is a little hill station called Daringbadi. The village is known to receive snowfall in winters, and is surrounded by thick rain forest and wild animals. Daring enough, anyone?

HOW TO REACH

By Road: If you want to use public transport, local buses run daily between Berhampur and Daringbadi.

By train: There are no rail lines in Daringbadi. The nearest railway station is Berhampur. It is 125 km from Berhampur and very well connected with all major towns of Orissa.

By Air: The nearest airport is in Bhubaneshwar, 250 kms away from Daringbadi.

3 TRIUND, DHARAMSALA, HIMACHAL PRADESH

Trekking is generally done in groups but there is something about walking all alone. To motivate yourself to keep walking can be quite demanding. But the joy of discovering spectacular scenic beauty at the top will take away all the pain instantly. Perfect place to spend some me time in the lap of mountains!

HOW TO REACH

By Road: New Delhi to Chandigarh and then Kangra and finally Dharamsala.

By Train: The nearest railhead of broad gauge is at Pathankot.

By Air: From Kangra Airport to Gaggal market and turn left for Dharamsala no need to go Kangra.

4 UDAIPUR, RAJASTHAN

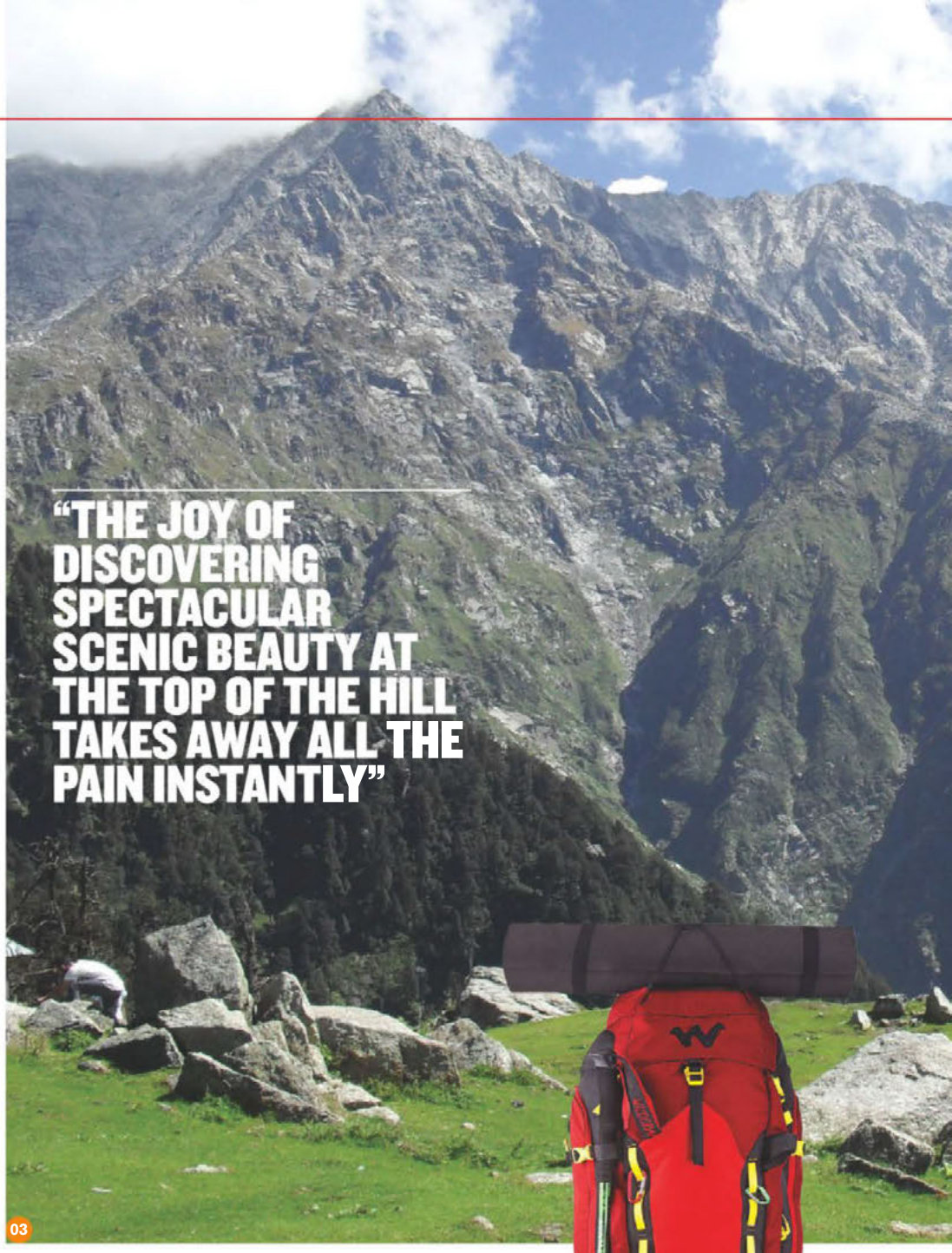
This really is an exotic location for solo travelers. Distancing itself from the fast-paced life of metro cities, the royal past of India lies in the heart of Rajasthan's Udaipur. Take your DSLR, walk around the city and discover the beauty of the Havelis of our ancestors.

HOW TO REACH

By Road: Udaipur is connected to Delhi and Mumbai by NH8.

By Train: Udaipur lies on a vast network of rail that connects it to major cities in India.

By Air: The nearest airport in Udaipur is called the Maharana Pratap Airport, 20 kms away from city.



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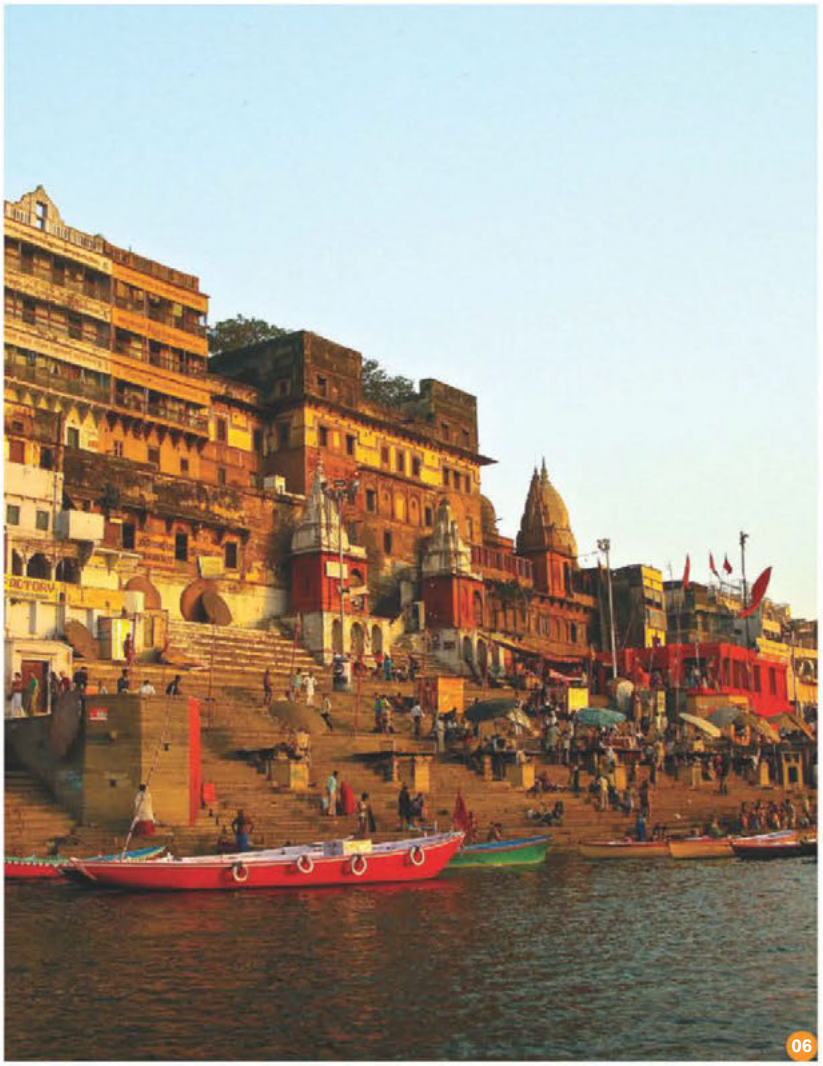


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AMAZING NUMBERS

3 million
Indians travel to Vanarasi for religious purpose every year

200,000
Foreigners flock the holy city in search of peace each year

1 million
and counting is the total population of Varanasi

60,000
take a dip in the holy Ganges every day

124
departments are there in the Banaras Hindu University. It is the largest residential university in Asia

30,000
bodies are cremated every year at different ghats of Varanasi

5 MAINPAT, CHHATTISGARH

You might have only heard of Tibetan settlements in Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka, but did you know there is one in Chhattisgarh? The Thakpo Shedupling monastery is one place you will thoroughly enjoy exploring all by yourself. Remember how things get better for heroes after a meditation session!

HOW TO REACH

By road: It takes about 17 hours by road from Delhi to Mainpat via NH2. But spare yourself the pain unless you love driving.

By train: Reach Ambikapur or Raigarh via train and it will take you a cab to reach Mainpat from the railway station.

By air: The nearest airport is Bilaspur which is 123 kms away from Mainpat. Ready for a bumpy ride?

6 VARANASI, UTTAR PRADESH

Banaras, Varanasi or Benaras, call it whatever you want. The town is a paradise for travelers. Other than the dips in the ghats, Banaras has a lot to offer. Just reconnect with yourself, meditate, and overcome your desires and weaknesses in this holy town.

HOW TO REACH

By road: It's an 11 hour drive from Delhi to Varanasi. Not very long, right?

By train: A train will take about 10 hours from Delhi to reach Varanasi.

By air: A 1-hour-10 mins flight connects Varanasi and Delhi.

7 DHANUSHKODI, TAMIL NADU

If Leonardo Da Vinci ever had to design a sad, eerie town, Dhanushkodi would somehow look exactly like that. There is also a mythological significance of this town as it is said that Lord Rama had marked this place with the end of his bow to start his journey to Lanka in pursuit of his wife Sita. Hindu pilgrims are supposed to bathe in the sea before going to Rameshwaram. After a cyclone washed out a train with 100 passengers into the sea, along with the entire railway line, this town became haunted. The ruins of church and railway station make it creepy yet beautiful! Do we have any brave hearts here?

HOW TO REACH

By road: Its a 6-hour ride from Tiruchirapalli to Dhanushkodi.

By train: Take a train to Chennai Egmore. Then take another train to Rameswaram and then its a 30 km drive.

By air: Fly to Tiruchirapalli, then take a train to Pamban Junction and a cab from there will take an hour to reach.

8 KAAS PLATEAU, MAHARASHTRA

Wanna end up looking like Shahrukh Khan of DDLJ or Amitabh Bachchan of Silsilay? This is the place that will you just the feel. The plateau lies on the Sahyadri Range of the Western Ghats, 22 km from Satara City, Maharashtra. Layered with wild flowers, this place, especially when visited in August-September, is so pretty that you might not want to come back. It's just that beautiful. Government Departments have restricted the number of visitors to 2,000 per day, citing possible damage. Hurry before it is too late!

HOW TO REACH

By road: Kaas plateau is a 145 km ride from Pune. It's not much of a ride, is it? Just 3 hours in your car and an unforgettable life will await you.

By train: The nearest railway station to Kaas is Chiplun. Kaas is about 180 kms away from Chiplun and a private taxi will get you to your destination.

By air: Reach Pune airport and book a taxi or a private ride to the plateau of flowers!

WHEN TRAVELLING SOLO

Pack Light
Extra luggage is a liability when travelling alone. You get tied up and there's no one to share your burden. So pack as light as you can.

Keep Talking
Travelling all by yourself deosn't mean that you shut yourself down. Strike a conversation with a lot of people, make new friends and carry the nomadic experience home. Too silent travellers are often mistaken as uptight.

Stay Connected
Keeping in touch with friends and family back at home is synonymous with staying safe. When going solo, leave the essential footprint by making a call from every new destination and by keeping them in the loop.











9 JOG FALLS, SHIMOGA, KARNATAKA

Take a train, then a bus and finally pitch a tent. A solo trip to the second highest waterfalls in India is worth every effort of getting there. Experience the adrenaline rush and promise yourself that you will try something exciting. You are all by yourself and free to do whatever you want. So go wild. After all, it's your trip. The visual delight here will leave you awestruck!

HOW TO REACH

By road: It's a 11 hour ride from Goa to Jog falls. After you have had enough of the beaches and clubs in Goa, set foot for Jog falls, you won't regret.

By train: Take a train to Mangalore, take a cab to reach Suratkhal. Take a train again to reach Bhatkal and then a cab will get you to the falls.

By air: The nearest airport is Mangalore, 12 hours away Jog falls.

ART OF TRAVEL

"It seemed an advantage to be traveling alone. Our responses to the world are crucially moulded by whom we are with, we temper our curiosity to fit in with the expectations of others... Being closely observed by a companion can inhibit us from observing others; we become taken up with adjusting ourselves to the companion's questions and remarks, we have to make ourselves seem more normal than is good for our curiosity."

-Alain de Botton, Swiss writer and TV presenter



10 MUNNAR, IDUKKI, KERALA

Munnar is a haven of peace and harmony. This incredibly beautiful hill town is positioned at a height of 6000ft. Cocooned in the State of Kerala, Munnar poses breathtaking scenery amidst the thriving green tea plantations with the combination of valleys, streams, cliffs, bubbling brooks, exotic wildlife and clear trout streams.

HOW TO REACH

By road: It's a 3 hour ride from Kochi to Munnar which is about 120 kms.

By train: Take a train to Bangalore and then a cab will take about 11 hours.

By air: Fly down to Kochi and grab a cab!

COVER STORY





THE SUN IS BURNING US AND SO IS EVELYN SHARMA!

But the heat ain't scorching enough for us to stay in. It's travel time for her and we are following!

Words by **SUDHAKAR JHA**; *Photography* **VIKRAM BAWA**; *Styling* **NELLY WADIA**; *Hair* **SIMMI SHANMUGHAN**; *Makeup* **PARESH KALGUTKAR**

Bodysuit: Farah Sanjana;
Bracelets: Madison on Pedder;
Earrings: Madison on Pedder;
Socks: Debenhams; Shoes: Dune

COVER STORY



Jacket: E.z.r.a;
Shorts: Madison on Pedder;
Crop top: Anikate Satnam;
Ring: Curio Cottage;
Shoes: Dune

It is not every day that you get to meet someone as hot as Evelyn Sharma and when it is your first cover story, what more can you ask for? HEAVEN? I am one of those millions who have grooved to the Sunny Sunny song and when you have the lady herself sitting in front, things are bound to get naughty.

When we asked her about what is she is doing these days, she was prompt to say that a lot of good things are happening with her and she couldn't be in a happier space now. We wonder what she is really up to! She also mentioned that she reads FHM every month and after seeing some other hotties, she has always wanted to be on the cover. And how could we not get her onboard! Our last issue with the first man cover in 8 years surprised her as well but she congratulated Ranveer Singh for his Bachelor of the Year title.

Her career has been a fantastic ride so far and why not! She came to India and started out as a model and signed some big campaigns in first month itself. All the TV commercials and print campaigns gave an excellent exposure and soon producers and directors were lining in front of her house with movie scripts. After giving some auditions, Evelyn signed Yaariyan and Yeh Jawaani Hai Dewaani. But it wasn't an easy ride at all. To prepare for her roles, she took an intensive acting course and Hindi lessons at Stella Aadler and then shot for 5 films in one year! Woohoo! Acting ain't an easy job at all. It was a crazy year with lots of work but it was more than worth it! Small but glamourous roles in Nautanki Saala, Yeh Jawani Hai Deewani and Main Tera Hero got her started in the main stream but it was the Sunny Sunny song from Yaariyan which got her all the limelight. With a body to die for and a smile that made me forget many questions, she can be forgiven for 100 crimes!

The Bollywood industry is all about glamour, music and emotions! But of course there are lots more genres than the typical Bollywood commercial cinema that count to Hindi cinema and she wants to try her hands at everything. An offbeat art film or a dark thriller is on her wish list for the future.

She had auditioned for "I" when she was a model and was learning Hindi, so it was much too difficult to get the Tamil right too at that point. And she has no qualms that Amy Jackson is being praised for her role. She was however quick to claim that she got a few more great offers from south in the last years, but Hindi cinema is taking all her time at this point. I asked her if she felt comfortable with the tag of sexy NRI girl and the response was, "I love the tag of the sexy NRI girl! I get excited every time I get an offer for a role like that! It would be fabulous to do a Bang Bang like Katrina. Who wouldn't like to be seen as the most sexy and beautiful girl of their industry?"

Her upcoming film is named 'Kuch Kuch Locha Hai' and it seems like a spoof of Kuch Kuch Hota hai, but Evelyn differs. "Not at all! The story is completely different, we just all thought it's a very catchy name!" She explains that KKLH is spicy family comedy where she is again playing an NRI girl who has a double role. But she did not reveal much about her second part. So a double treat awaits us. With Sunny Leone pitched against her in the movie, she is not afraid at all and is excited to work with Sunny.

Sunny Leone has been the most famous NRI and

INSTA THIS MONTH



VINTAGE!
She might be all glam but vintage looks suits her the best!



BIKINI BABE
Feeling free in Goa! She loves the beaches and we love her in Bikini!



DEGLAM
One of the few who look as beautiful without makeup!



DANCING TIME
She is a good dancer and we have seen it in her films.



GROUP SELFIE
Enjoying with the team of Kuch Kuch Locha hai!

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Bra: Debenhams; Negligee: Debenhams; Cardigan: Bebe; Ring: Madison on Pebber; Earrings: Madison on Pebber



SUDENLY BOYS WOULD do everything I asked them for... That's when I discovered the weapons of a woman!

Evelyn too was awestruck by the porn star turned actress as according to her, "Sunny is super lovely and fun to work with! We had a lot to discuss as we both are NRIs."

She doesn't consider Sunny a competition as two so different girls cannot compete with each other. Their roles in the film are very different and so are their personalities. She thinks that bikini is the only possibly common thing among the two and they enjoyed being part of the shooting.

So what makes her so smouldering hot, I ask. She says with a mischievous smile, "well, I always liked to bathe in milk and honey." So, girls, if you are reading this, take a note, water is no longer in. For if you want to get as sexy as Evelyn, bathe in milk and add some honey. You thought that guns and bombs are the weapons of destruction but Evelyn had her own weapons and she discovered it at the tender age of 17. Suddenly the boys started doing everything she asked for. When asked what does a man needs to do to go on a date with her, she wants someone to charm her, buy her diamonds and be an old-school gentleman!

She loves cute surprises and candle light dinners at the beach and under the stars, that's the kind of romance she really enjoys!

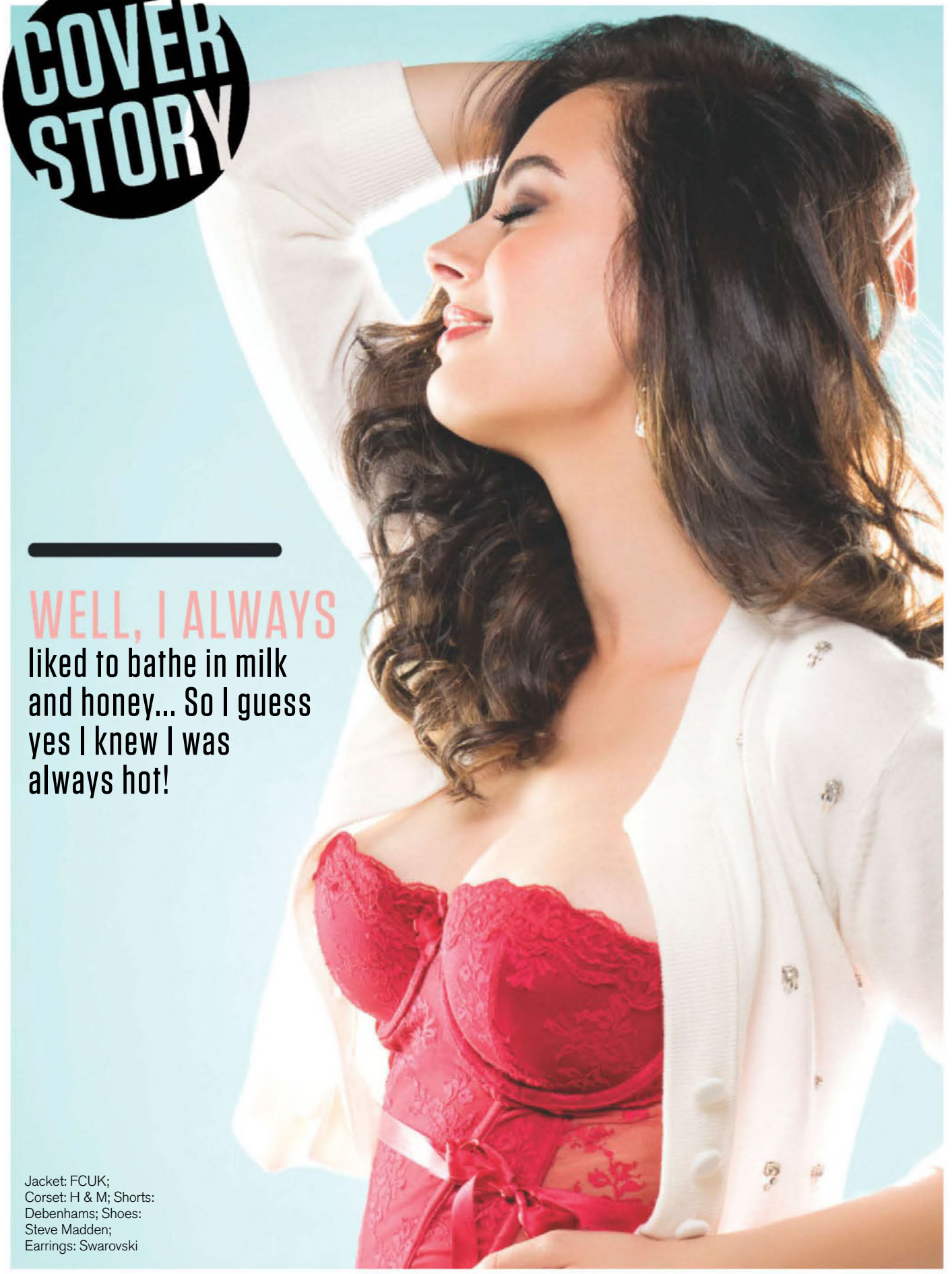
BIKINIS AND BEACH

Bikinis are to beaches what pen is to ink and Evelyn thinks no different as she is a complete water baby. Sharing her memories of shooting for Sunny Sunny in South Africa, Evelyn said that she really enjoyed filming the song. Surfing, swimming and wake boarding are some of her most cherished time passes when on a vacation! She even invited me for that and I am sure as hell going for it. You know there are always some perks of working in a great magazine.

A sexy bikini or a cute summer dress is her favourite and considers Sun to be her best friend as long as a high SPF sunscreen covers her beautiful skin!

She has been a naughty girl on the 70mm but she was not always this way. Growing up in a small town near Frankfurt, Germany, she was a church girl and spent most of her time singing in a choir. But her upbringing has made her comfortable with her body. She

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WELL, I ALWAYS

liked to bathe in milk and honey... So I guess yes I knew I was always hot!

Jacket: FCUK;
Corset: H & M; Shorts: Debenhams; Shoes: Steve Madden;
Earrings: Swarovski

ADVENTURE LIST

SPORTS
I love swimming and I am complete water baby. When ever I get time, I go to beaches!

RUNNING
I hate running. Even when I was a kid, I never used to even go for walks. I rather prefer my bicycle and roam around the town!

TRAVEL
From Tokyo to Paris! I love both the cities! They are the best places to travel even alone.

WORK TRIPS
Work trips are never boring. Enjoy what you do and you will never feel like working. We have to travel a lot while shooting but it is always fun!

confesses that she likes to wear shorts and bikinis more often. Well, who's complaining?

When I tried to be cheesy (I had to, there was no option) and asked her for a secret tattoo, she said that if they were secret, she wouldn't be able to tell me. She does have a belly button piercing though which she likes to flaunt on the beach! Oh, I so want to be on some beach with Evelyn!

Apart from the films, she loves connecting with her fans on Twitter and Instagram. In fact, she keeps chatting with all of them on my Twitter! She even invited me to follow her @evelyn_sharma and chat with her. Well, it is impossible not to do. Rarely does a girl invite you to follow her.

Now that it's time to say bye and it is hard actually to say so. I ask her when does she next come onscreen and she informs very jubilantly that before Kuch Kuch Locha Hai releases in early May, she has another film Ishqedarriyaan releasing in April which is going to be her first solo lead opposite Mahaakshay! She is very excited about the film as for the first time the audience will get to see her in a very de-glam Indian small town girl avatar! It's a musical love story and has the biggest musicians of today contributing with amazing songs! Hoping that the music lovers will love her small film, she promises to be back for us and take us to her next bikini shoot for sure!



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UPGRADE YOUR PARTY TRICKS WITH SOME BONA FIDE MAGIC

Learn how to wrap an entire room around your sneaky little finger…



Magician, comedian and all-round trickster Paul Zenon is one of the pioneers of street magic. The professional swindler has spent the last two decades causing people's jaws to hit the floor on both stage and television, and has written several best-selling books on deception. Now he's here to share the tricks of the trade…



The best card tricks need a good deck

01

HANDS AREN'T QUICKER THAN THE EYE

"People tend to think the foundation of magic is manual dexterity. It's actually a combination of lots of other things like applied psychology coupled with acting. The misdirection is more important – making people see what they need to see."

02

BOOKS AREN'T DEAD

"There's a trend these days for learning from YouTube videos and instructional DVDs but there's so much more value in books. They encourage you to think and not just copy someone else's performance. I used to get the same two books out of the library every week: *The Amateur Magician's Handbook* by Henry Hay and *The Royal Road To Card Magic* by Jean Hugard and Frederick Braue. I still go back to them now."

03

ANYTHING CAN BE AMAZING

"If you see a joke written down on paper, it doesn't usually look very funny because it depends on delivery. If 10 people told that joke, you'd quickly notice everyone does it in a slightly different way. One or two of them will make it hilarious. Magic tricks are the same; they can be terrible or absolutely brilliant."

04

IT'S NOT ABOUT SECRETS

"The secret of a magic trick is not actually that important, it's just one part. It's like saying that the secret of The Beatles was that they were just sliding their fingers up and down metal strings and making noises with their voice. It's technically what they were doing, but it's not the whole deal. Like music, it's about putting on a performance, not just throwing a few tricks at people."

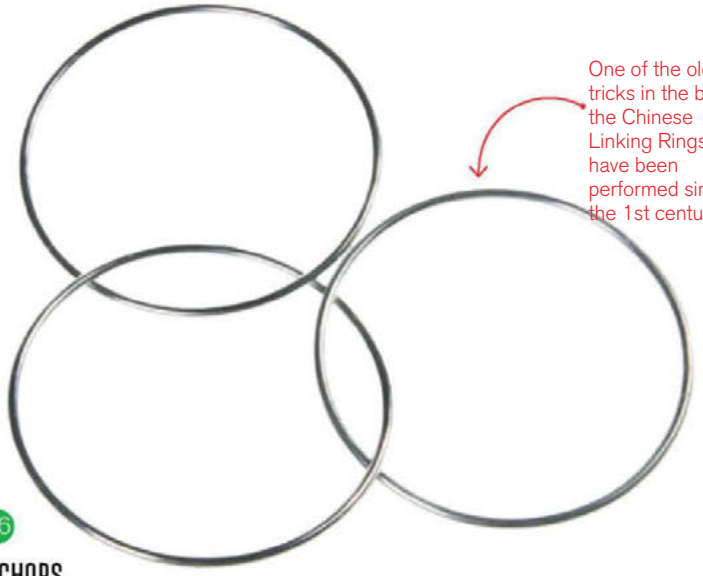
Start by learning the basics from this book on magic. True, not all tricks are ton notch, but its a good start.





The cups and balls trick was used to entertain the pharaohs of ancient Eygpt





One of the oldest tricks in the book, the Chinese Linking Rings have been performed since the 1st century

05

DON'T BE A SHOW-OFF

"A famous magician called Slydini once said, 'Confusion isn't magic' and it's true. Just because you don't know how something's done, doesn't make it entertaining. People often don't like the idea of someone getting something over them. It can make you look like a bit of a dick who's trying to make people think he's superman. Aim to impress people, not show off."

06

CUT YOUR CHOPS ON THE BASICS

"If you start by learning sleight of hand, you'll never be stuck when someone challenges you to perform just because you don't have props like playing cards. You could just grab a banknote or a coin, or vanish someone's cigarette and blow their mind wide open."

07

DON'T OVERCOMPLICATE IT

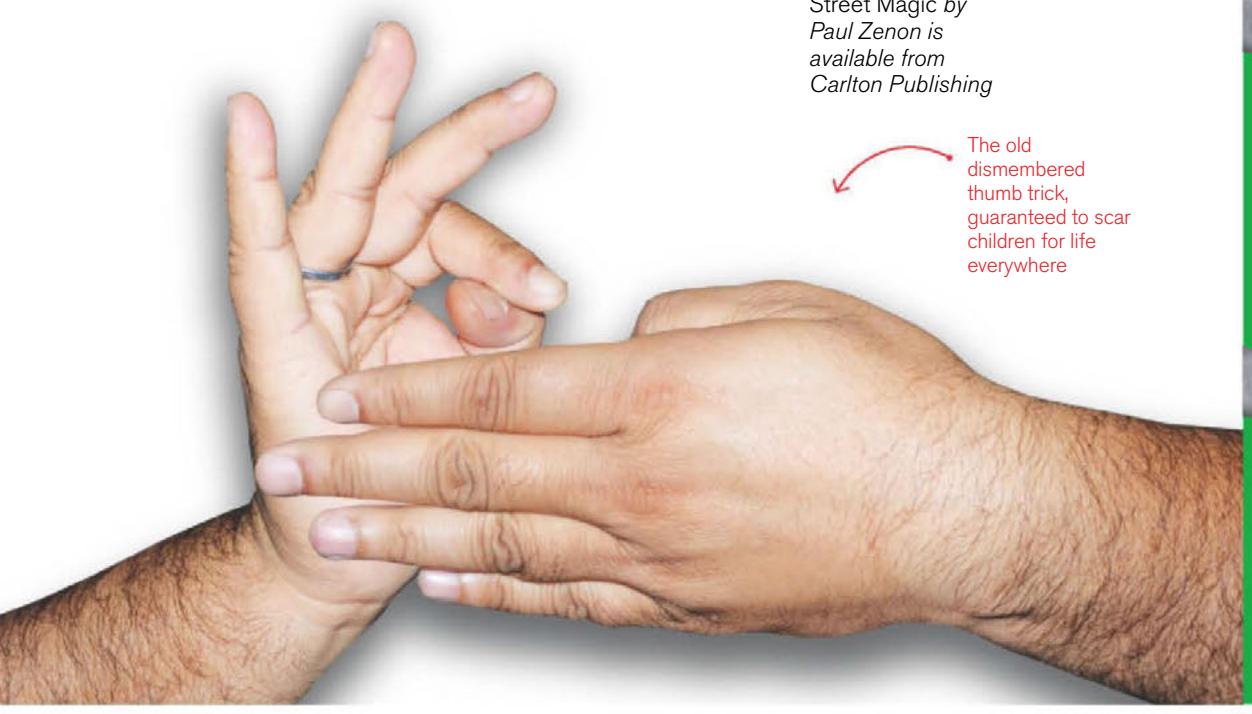
"You never know how people will react. I've shown audiences tricks in the past that are incredibly simple and they've been absolutely blown away. Other times, I've spent weeks learning something and people just react with a shrug and go, 'Yeah… very clever.'"

08

HECKLERS ARE LIKE SHARKS

"If you're a smart arse or aggressive, you'll invite the same back. It's a question of making people like you, and the only way to learn that is through experience. The best way to deal with a heckler is to not let them know that you care. If they smell blood, they'll go for your jugular."

Street Magic *by Paul Zenon is available from Carlton Publishing*



The old dismembered thumb trick, guaranteed to scar children for life everywhere

Learn the trick at FHM.com

The vanishing cigarette trick

Make your friends think you're a sleight-of-hand messiah by making a borrowed cigarette vanish right in front of their eyeballs…



Borrow a cigarette from someone. Before they give it to you, moisten the back of your thumb with your drink or a bit of spit.



Hold the cigarette so that it's poking out of the top of your fist, sticking the paper end of the fag to the moist bit on your thumb.



Make some distracting waves with your hand and quickly straighten your thumb. The cigarette should be hidden behind your hand.



Make the cigarette reappear by folding your thumb back down in a swift motion.

Photography: Beckphotographic.Com And Marco Vittur. The Z-Ray Deck, ₹592, Is Available From Zraydeck.Com. Visit Paul's Website At Paulzenon.Com

Learn how to do it yourself



An adjustable spanner that feels comfortable in your hand and isn't hard to adjust will last you a lifetime







Get some solid man skills and transform yourself into a home-making genius…

Scott Stannard is a furniture maker and the DIY guy at The Goodlife Centre in central London where he teaches hapless handymen the ways of the workshop. Here's Scott's 101 guide to turning yourself into a tooled up tinkerer…

01

PACK OUT YOUR TOOLBOX

"You don't need to buy everything at once, but you do need the basics. Start by getting yourself a decent set of screwdrivers in different sizes and types, an adjustable spanner, claw hammer, tape measure, a drill and most importantly, a pencil. The drill will be your biggest expense but you should think of it as an investment. Once you have these in your toolbox you're pretty much set to fix anything."

02

DON'T BREAK THE BANK

"Kitting yourself out with a top-flight tool kit might seem like it's going to be expensive but it doesn't have to be. The price of tools only ever comes down and you can get loads of bargains with second hand stuff if you know what you're looking for. As long as you keep them in good nick and look after them properly, most tools will last you an entire lifetime."

03

HAMMER TIME

"It's easy to assume that a hammer is just a hammer but if you get a decent one it'll save you a lot of agro in the long run. It's definitely worth forking out if you can afford to. The expense of it comes in the handle, which takes the shock out of hitting something for a long time. An expensive hammer is designed so that if you wanted to, you could use it all day and you won't have an achy hand afterwards."

04

FOLLOW THE RIGHT LINE

"Everything goes in a straight line and nothing meanders. If a socket is on the floor, the cables will go down. Switches on the wall? The cables will go into the ceiling. Know all of these basics so you don't do something stupid like hanging a picture above a light switch."









A few decent clamps are invaluable in your toolbox. Often you won't even realise you need them until it's too late…

05

GET A GOOD CATALOGUE

"Most shops have brilliant catalogues that you can use like a big encyclopedic DIY glossary of terms. It can be daunting walking into a shop when you don't know what everything is, but even the pros don't know what absolutely everything is called. Use the catalogues to find out anything they don't know."

06

SAVE THE BEST UNTIL LAST

"Whenever anybody does up their house they always start with the room that they like best, which invariably always ends up looking the worst. By the time you've done the last room you've had a bit of a practice and tend to do a better job. Build yourself up to the thing you really want to achieve. By the time you get there, you'll be amazed at the difference."

07

KNOW YOUR LIMITS

"The rule to remember is 'like for like'. You can replace something like a plug socket but you can't move it somewhere else without it being signed off by a qualified electrician. Anything gas related needs to be done by a Corgi registered gasman. Even if you know how to do it yourself it'll still need to be signed off by a professional. It sounds like a ball ache but this is what stops you from drilling through a wall and electrocuting yourself."

08

REAP THE REWARDS

"I read that statistically, the most rewarding job out there is being a hairdresser. You've got someone being creative, quickly, with immediate gratification and payment. DIY should be up there in the same way, the only difference is that it can take slightly longer but it's every bit as rewarding. There's a lot to be said of the way that you sleep after doing a day of hard labour."



You can get a drill that'll do everything you need, along with drill bits for around £120 from Amazon.com



Are you a DIY disaster waiting to happen?

- ☐ Step one of fixing something is calling your dad.
- ☐ You think a spirit level is a *Skyrim* reference.
- ☐ All of your tools come from Christmas crackers.
- ☐ Hammer time is just a really dated song.
- ☐ If someone asked for a Phillips screwdriver, you'd ask: "Who's Phillip?"
- ☐ The last thing you built was made of Lego.
- ☐ You've googled 'How to hit a nail properly'.
- ☐ You're intimidated by men in DIY shops.
- ☐ You don't own a screwdriver but you have the ingredients to make one in your fridge.
- ☐ IKEA furniture is like solving a Rubik's Cube.

Score

1-3
You could do with some help, but Handy Andy would be proud.

4-7
You're not incompetent but you are dangerous.

8-10
Your hands are soft and you're useless.

Photography: Daniel Barnes. All Tools Available From Amazon.Com

FHM'S GUIDE TO BUY BETTER GIFTS

(FOR THE MAN THAT NEEDS URGENT HELP)

They've given you hints for what they want to find under the tree. Time to give them the best present ever…


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FOR YOU AND ME

They say: *"How about we get something we can all enjoy?"*
They mean: *"We can share… But it's mainly mine."*

01 With vinyl sales at their highest in 20 years, there's no better time to convince your mum to get a new record player. *Crosley Record Player, ₹9,880, urbanoutfitters.com*

02 Nothing says 'brotherly bonding time' like a pigskin throwabout. *Wilson American Football, ₹1,477, amazon.co.uk*

03 *Havana Happy Christmas Cigar Gift Box, ₹6,423, sauttercigars.com*

04 *René Redzepi: A Work In Progress, ₹3,947, phaidon.com*

05 Even if your girlfriend's a starfisher, you'll get a great kip in these fresh sheets. *Essenza Mae Bedsheets, ₹9,883, urbanoutfitters.com*

06 *Nespresso Inissia Machine, ₹8,795, nespresso.com*

07 *Molecule 01 Perfume, ₹6,521, liberty.co.uk*

08 *Mimi Holliday Lingerie Set, ₹9,782, damaris.co.uk*

09 *Jack Daniel's Single Barrel (engraved bottle), ₹4,446, whiskyshop.com*

10 *Sagaform Whisky Glasses (set of six), ₹1,977, habitat.co.uk*

Photography: Marco Vittur

ACE TECH

They say: *"All you kids with your cool things… What happened to the good old days, eh?"*
They mean: *"C'mon, make me feel so cutting-edge and cool it hurts."*

01 If the price of the Apple watch has you wincing, get your bro this. It's the tech nerd's favourite and less dosh. *Pebble Smartwatch, ₹11,297, amazon.co.uk*

02 Davina McCall will be quaking in her pop socks as this becomes the year's best fitness gift for mums. *Jawbone UP 24 Fitness Band, ₹9,883, jawbone.com*

03 *GoPro Hero 4, ₹37,561, shop.gopro.com*

04 Who needs wifi in a kettle, we hear you snort? Your dad does, especially when he can get started on your mum's morning cuppa without leaving his bed. *iKettle, ₹9,883, firebox.com*

05 Now your sister has no excuse for being so terrible with her phone, with this added dose of charge in her pocket. *Long Life Milk Charger, ₹1,481, firebox.com*

06 *DJI Phantom Drone, ₹35,382, amazon.co.uk*

07 *3D SensoTouch Razor, ₹24,708, philips.co.uk*



BEST FOR KEEPS

They say: *"I hate the whole buying-people-tat tradition."*
They mean: *"I need something that'll last forever, remind me of you every day and I'll never want to be without."*

01 Finally give your dad the inspiration to build you that pimp tree house in the garden with this healthy dose of cabin fever. *Hide And Seek: Cabins And Hideouts, ₹3,459, amazon.co.uk*

02 *Men's Bespoke Ring (wood and precious metals), prices vary, shirubatree.co.uk*

03 *Bulova Watch, ₹34,495, watchshop.com*

04 This is the one your sister and girlfriend have been raving about all year, the story of online retailer Nasty Gal's Sophia Amoruso and her rise to fashion superstardom. *#Girlboss, ₹1,481, amazon.co.uk*

05 Give your dad a trusty companion for when he's out fishing, hiking, or just cutting up an apple in his armchair. *Large Folding Knife, ₹1,384, labourandwait.co.uk*

06 Everything your best mate will ever need to know about his top beers is right here, including interviews with the heroes of the craft beer revolution. *Barley & Hops: The Craft Beer Book, ₹2,468, amazon.co.uk*

07 *Marc Jacobs Watch, ₹15,126, watchshop.com*

08 *Bumblebee Necklace, ₹12,455, alexmonroe.com*

09 *The Kate Moss Book, ₹4,942, urbanoutfitters.com*

10 *Claude Dozorme Thiers Cheese Knives, ₹6,128, selfridges.com*



FEET WARMERS

They say: *"I could always do with more socks."*
They mean: *"I could always do with more socks… that don't look like grandad's hand-me-downs."*



₹1,483, HUF at routeone.co.uk



₹791, urbanoutfitters.com



₹1,286, Volcom at surfstitch.com



₹989, next.co.uk (5 pack)



₹791, lazyoaf.com



₹346, topshop.com



₹984, Rascals at urbanindustry.co.uk



WEIRD AND WONDERFUL

They say: *"I've got everything I need."*
They mean: *"You've got no chance, pal."*

01 *Unicorn Kigu, ₹3,958 kigu.co.uk*

02 *Bunny Stapler, ₹989, urbanoutfitters.com*

03 Take the nightmare out of your girlfriend's nigiri rolls with this contraption that makes sushi into flawless, pro-level cubes. *Dexam Rice Cube, ₹1,380, selfridges.com*

04 *Eye Mask, ₹791, urbanoutfitters.com*

05 Your old man can tear it to shreds like Wolverine with these special tools. *BBQ Bear Paws, ₹1,483, firebox.com*

06 If your bro loves beer enough to bathe in it, fulfill his dream with a wheat beer shampoo. *Wheat Beer Shampoo, ₹2,474, labourandwait.co.uk*

07 *Knit Your Own Dog Jumper (dachshund size), ₹2,771, habitat.co.uk*

08 *Cats – Best In Show, A Trump Card Game, ₹885 magamabooks.com*

09 *Mikkeller Craft Beers,prices vary, beerhawk.co.uk*



HOME IMPROVEMENT

They say: *"Just get me something for the house."*
They mean: *"Please help, people think I live in a bin."*

01 Kings of all things woollen, a Pendleton blanket is a real luxury that'll turn your brother's hovel into a hipster home. *Pendleton Blankets, prices and styles vary, pendleton-usa.com*

02 *Makers & Merchants Olive Oil, ₹1,286, heals.co.uk*

03 *Pug Mug, ₹890, urbanoutfitters.com*

04 *Falcon Enamelware Prep Set, ₹5,442, heals.co.uk*

05 *Wood Fire Pizza Oven, ₹36,120, chadwickoven.com*

06 *We Buy Brass, Gun Metal, Copper, Pewter, Best Prices Given Vintage Poster, ₹14,347, pedlars.co.uk*

07 *Urban Grow Terrarium, ₹2,968, urbanoutfitters.com*

08 When your sister tells all her sexy pals it was you who bought her this soft ice cream machine, they'll all want you to be their boyfriend. *Ariete Party Time Soft Ice Cream Maker, ₹6,045, amazon.co.uk*

09 We're pretty sure your mum always wanted a pepper grinder that looked like it had been stolen from the Starship Enterprise. *Tom Dixon Tower Pepper Grinder, ₹4,947, heals.co.uk*

10 *He Is The Zissou, ₹2,968, thefloodgallery.com*

11 Give your bro some early-morning encouragement to wake the hell up with this inspirational poster by Barry Leonard. *Hey Ho By Barry Leonard, ₹3,957, printclublondon.com*

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SMALL BUT MIGHTY

They say: *"Just get me something little."*
They mean: *"Pocket-sized yes, but big in every other way."*

01 Everyone from Instagram CEO Kevin Systrom to legendary skateboarder Jamie Thomas (who you played as in *Tony Hawk's Pro Skater*) has one of these attached to their iPhone cameras, making it perfect for the coolest brother. *Olloclip iPhone Lens, prices very, olloclip.com*

02 These little beauts will cool your bro's wee dram without any ice, chilling it from the outside in. Just make sure he has space in the freezer. *Teroforma Ekke Shot Glasses, ₹3,957, selfridges.com*

03 *Leatherman Jam Style PS Tool, ₹4,748, routeone.co.uk*

04 *Bobbi Brown Trio lipgloss set, ₹2,869, johnlewis.com*

05 *Noose Bottle Opener, ₹1,384, goodhoodstore.com*

06 Just 35mm tall, Polaroid's brand-new assault on the HD video camera market has a 124-degree lens. *Polaroid Cube, ₹8,902, amazon.co.uk*

07 *Folding Sunglasses, ₹6,426, sunpocketoriginal.com*

08 *Liquid iPhone Case, ₹1,779, selfridges.com*

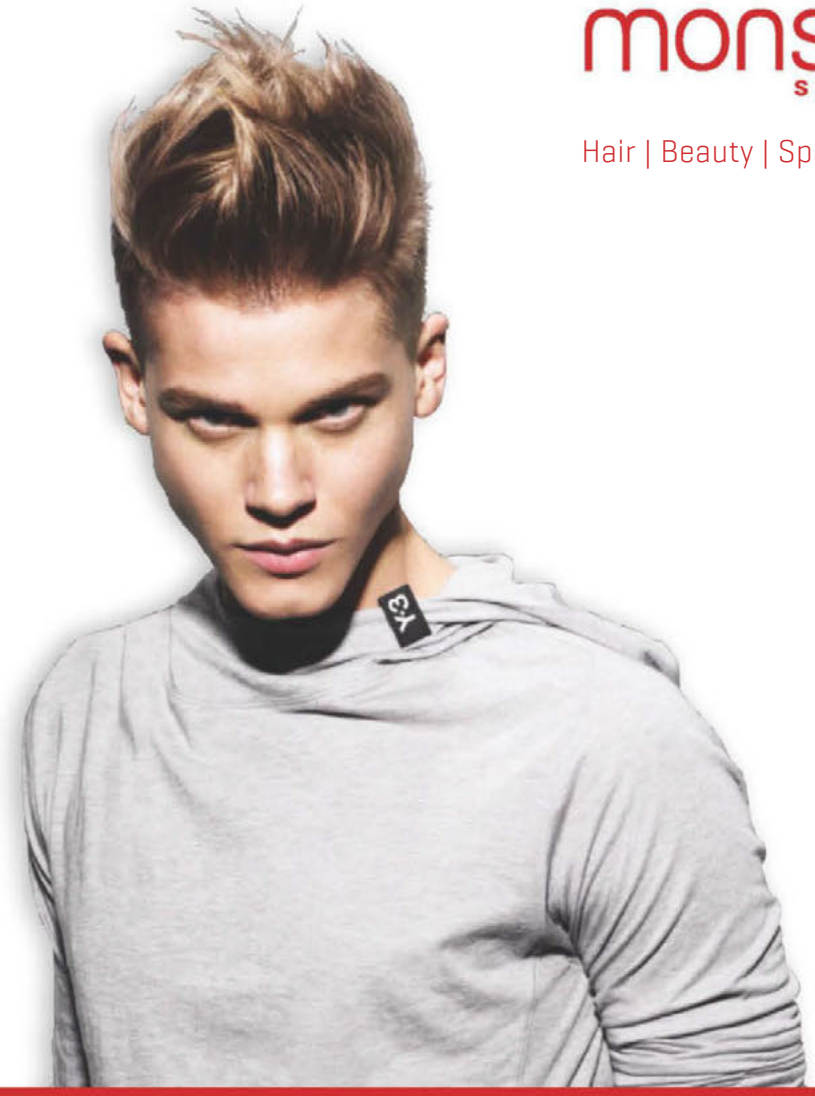
09 Designed for the small but hardcore motorcycle community in Japan, your Dad doesn't need to buy an ₹49,38,382 hog to feel like a mid-life hellraiser. *Neighbourhood Anchor Key Hook, ₹11,376, goodhoodstore.com*

10 Your better half looks pretty riding her biketo work, but when she can't fix a flat, she turns into a wrathful hatebeast. *The Nutter Cycle Multi Tool, ₹3,956, full-windsor.com*

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THE BLOWOUT PHILLY

CHEESESTEAK SANDWICH

Give your New Year diet the finger with the biggest, fattest, greatest sandwich on God's green Earth…

DJ BBQ SAYS…
"Diets are for suckers. Gyms are boring, diets are boring, not having fun is boring. Man, life's too damn short not to indulge in the radness food has to offer every now and again. You've got to enjoy your time on this planet, and I never once met a happy guy that ate celery sticks (unless they were on the side of a mountain of Buffalo wings). What I'm saying is, eat great food, do great things, feel frickin' happy. Just walk somewhere, man! Learn to surf! Have sex! Go for a skate! And eat this ridiculous beast of a sandwich every now and again!

"The Philly Cheesesteak trends, bro. Whenever I do it in my videos or get it up on my Instagram, the thing goes crazy and my internet starts to fry. Why? Because it's the greatest sandwich ever. In its hometown of Philadelphia, US, you'll get it with green peppers, onions, and real cheap-ass cheese spread and slices. But because we can, we've kind of pimped it out with better ingredients and flavours. Screw it, there are no rules to this. It's one messy hunk of rad, so throw what the hell you want in there. This is my version, but if you change it up, I'm not gonna come and shout at you. Just as long as you're not eating celery."

THE RECIPE

Preparation time
15 mins

Ingredients
Onions
Peppers
Mushrooms
Salt and pepper
Skirt steak
Four types of cheese (your choice)
A huge baguette/sub roll/loaf of bread
Chopped tomatoes
Hot sauce
Full fat mayonnaise
Chopped iceberg lettuce



01

Chop your onions, peppers, mushrooms and add them to a medium-hot pan to soften. Season them up with pinches of salt and pepper.







02

Oil and season your raw steak, then flash fry it in a screaming hot pan. When cooked, slice thinly, cutting against the grain. "Always cook your meat whole then cut it – you'll get a way juicer mouthful," says DJ BBQ.

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03

Lay a pile of your cooked veg mix across a frying pan, then add slices of steak and cheese until melted. Slice the bread, place it over the mix, scoop it in and add the tomatoes and lettuce. **Watch the full video of DJ BBQ on fhm.com**



Photography: James Byrne

Down periscope

Not what you expect a camera to look like. The HTC RE however looks just like one. We try and figure what it's supposed to be

Sensor
16 megapixel

Weight
66.5 gms

Video
1080p

RAM
256 MB

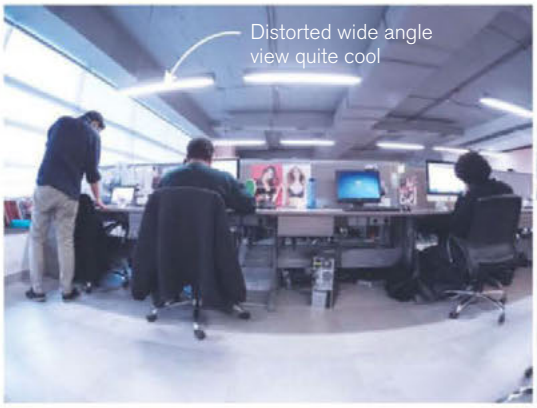
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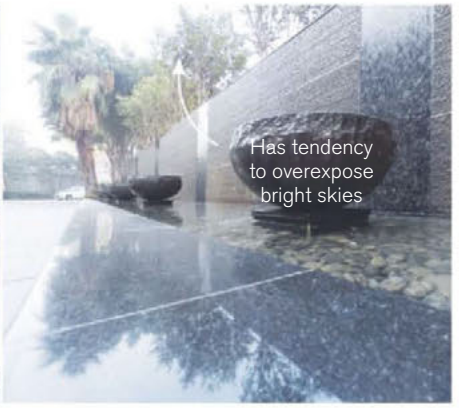
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Battery
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Connectivity
Wifi, Bluetooth









So it's a camera alright, but there's nothing like this we've ever seen before. HTC is calling it a life logging camera to record your activities. Like playing with your dog or cycling down a trail. It's not too big, in fact it's more compact than a compact camera which makes it easy to carry. Build quality is great, and the thing feels solidly built, but it's no rugged cam. It's cylindrical body houses a 16 megapixel sensor. But what you have is a fixed lens with a 146 degree view, equivalent to a focal length of 6.5mm. Pro shooters spend a fortune on such wide focal lengths. The camera also records full HD video in 1080p resolution. HTC claims the battery is good enough for a thousand shots on a single charge. Which is enough for a couple of day's worth of pictures. You can also take slo-mo videos, if that's your thing. And it also sports Wi-Fi and Bluetooth and connects to your phone via an app. Since it's waterproof, it will survive a dunking upto a depth of 1 metre for half an hour. So that's your swimming lesson covered right there.

USING IT

There's no need to switch the camera on every time you use it. Just pick it up and the grip sensor switches it on for you. This is great when you want to capture a fleeting moment. No fiddling around with the composition, no messing with the settings. Just aim and shoot. Which also brings us to the biggest drawback. You don't really know what you've captured till you actually sit down and download the images on the computer. Pointing in the general intended direction usually yields results but isn't great for composition.

There is a workaround though. You can install the RE app on your phone and connect the camera over Bluetooth and see what the camera sees. Which kinda defeats the purpose of a standalone camera, because now you have to use your phone, which already has a camera! Once the app was installed, the camera quickly connected to our phone and the intuitive interface had us snapping away in no time. You can also change the camera settings which include three different resolutions of pictures and switching on the wide angle view; the latter giving some exaggerated distortion. There's also the option to share the images to your favourite social media site, so everybody knows what you're having for breakfast as you're having it.

FINAL WORD

The image quality is exactly what you expect from a compact camera. In a word. Below par. Okay that's two words. In good light detail is average and in indoor shots there's aggressive noise reduction. It's us being picky, since most users are only going to share these online and will likely be viewed on a small screen.

HTC will also sell you accessories like a clamp for mounting the camera on the bike and a suction cup to stick on a flat surface for action shots. And for Rs 10,990, it has most action cams beat. Unfortunately it isn't rugged, and is a bit weird to look at. Though intuitive to use, results are not great. Buy it only if you have to have the latest gadget. Just don't point it in people's faces, will ya?

WHEN PHONE MAKERS DO CAMERAS

NOKIA 1020

A whopping 41 megapixel camera allows the 1020 to have loss less zoom capability. Lack of storage capacity lets the phone down.



HTC ONE M8 EYE

This phone has three cameras; two at the rear and one in front. The camera on top is a depth sensor which lets you play with depth of field and focus point after a picture has been taken.



OPPO N1

Who needs two cameras when one will do the job. The 13 megapixel camera swivels to let you click high res selfies.



Words: Abhishek Saksena

PRODUCT

WORK SMARTER, NOT







01. Blazer, ₹6,660, topman.com

02. Belt, ₹9,419, paulsmith.co.uk; tie, ₹5,613, tedbaker.com

03. Bag, ₹18,553, youmustcreate.com; laptop bag, ₹7,611 sandqvist net

04. Headphones, ₹16,169, beatsbydre.com

05. Diary, ₹1,711; pens, ₹1,235 simplymoleskine.com

06. Watch, ₹10,370, rotarywatches.com; glasses, ₹11,417, eyerespectdirect.com







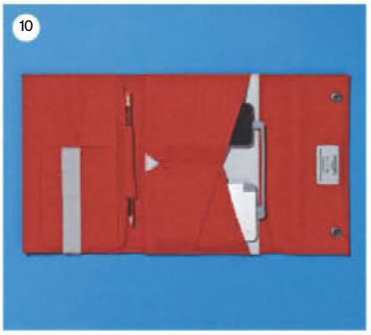




HARDER

Invest in these essentials and you'll be the most dapper gent in the office…







07. Lunch box, ₹1,802, The Little House Shop at notonthehighstreet.com

08. Cufflinks, ₹808, topman.com

09. Card holder, ₹7,230, Launer at selfridges.com

10. Organiser, ₹4,281, knomobags.com

11. Shirt, ₹2,378, riverisland.com

12. Socks, ₹761, happysocks.com

13. Shoes, ₹11,417, kurtgeiger.com





THINGS GUARANTEED TO GET YOU THE SACK...

You've got the kit and the style, but beware of putting your foot wrong like these hapless fools

TYPING EMAILS IN CAPS…
When Vicki Walker, from Auckland, New Zealand, sent out a memo explaining how to fill in forms, entirely in red CAPS, colleagues complained that she sounded too confrontational. Bosses at ProCare Health found she'd caused "disharmony in the office" and sacked her for the missive and other unreasonable behaviour. In office politics, that's a capital offence.

USING YOUR OWN GUN TO FOIL A ROBBERY…
When Devin McClean foiled a serial thief from robbing the AutoZone car parts store where he worked in York County, Virginia, some hailed him as a hero. Trouble was, he used his own gun to ward off the robber, leading the management to fire him two days later.

ASKING QUESTIONS…
Asking questions is encouraged in most jobs. Not in the US military. Air Force Major Harold Hering was dismissed in 1973 when he asked how an officer is to know that the president hasn't gone mad in issuing a thermonuclear missile strike. Top brass felt he had failed to "demonstrate acceptable qualities of leadership" and sacked him. So he became a trucker.

WEARING YOUR SPORTS TEAM'S COLOURS…
Car salesman John C. Stone loved the Green Bay Packers so much, he wore a necktie in the team's colours to work in Chicago. His manager told him it "salted the wounds" of Chicago Bears fans, who had lost a game to the Packers the night before. He refused to take it off, and was fired.

FART ON FOOD YOU'RE ABOUT TO SERVE…
Good advice: if you are a horrible scumbag and decide to fart in a sandwich before serving it at a restaurant, DO NOT film it and upload the footage to YouTube. That's what Michael Setzer, 32, and Kristy Hammonds, 31, did at a Domino's Pizza in Conover, North Carolina. Setzer also wiped his arse with a cleaning cloth and smeared snot on a pizza. Needless to say, the video was viewed by millions and the pair were sacked and prosecuted.

Photography: Marco Vittur

10 Cheers TO BEER

BEER DOESN'T NEED AN EXCUSE, BEER COULD BE YOUR EXCUSE... TO PUT ON YOUR TRAVEL SHOES. WE WENT BAR-HOPPING ACROSS THE PLANET, TO BRING TO YOU TEN OF THE MOST INTERESTING BEERS, TO PACK INTO YOUR ITINERARY.

Words by: Prerna Singh

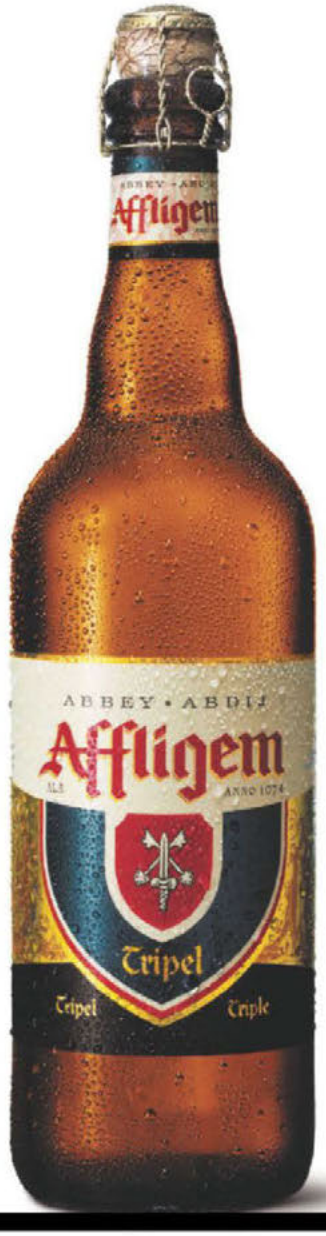
01 ARMAGEDDON

At 65 per cent alcohol by volume, this is the world's strongest beer, beaten only by the hard-to-lay-your-hands-on Snake Venom, also from the same brewery. Speyside-based Scottish brewers Brewmeister use rock-filtered spring water to create this knockout ale. Caution: This one's not for the faint of heart!



02 AFFLIGEM TRIPEL

The menu card at Brasserie Appelmans, which has one of the best bars in Antwerp, Belgium, beckons you to try this brew. Affligem Tripel uses a recipe that dates back to the middle ages, and an in-house yeast that causes the beer to re-ferment once in the bottle, giving you a layered beer. So when you place your order, you get the pint with two glasses. You swirl your bottle, pour about 70 per cent of it into the larger glass, and the rest into the smaller glass. The curious thing is the stark difference in colour and clarity in both glasses. While the ale in the larger glass is lighter and fresher, the one in the smaller is fuller and more flavourful. Alternate your sips to get the full flavour. Or refresh yourself with the larger one and then down the smaller, more concentrated bit to enjoy the aftertaste.





03 SCHNEIDER WEISS

Give Oktoberfest a rest. Take a detour into Kelheim, Germany, to try out what one of the oldest wheat beer breweries in the world is turning out. Full, flavourful and fresh, Schneider Weiss Original has notes of nutmeg, apple and clove. Refreshing with the very first sip, it leaves behind a sour aftertaste. The brewery was once owned by the king of Bavaria, till he misjudged the real potential of the business. Deciding that wheat beer had been a mere fad, he decided to get rid of the enterprise and sold it to the Weisse family, the sixth generation of which runs it now.



04 BLACK JESUS

THE GREAT HECK BREWERY, IN YORKSHIRE, UK, USED AMERICAN HOPS AND GERMAN ROASTED MALT TO CREATE AN INDIA PALE ALE. A TONGUE-IN-CHEEK BREW IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE—THE GOTH NAME, THE MIX OF DARK FRUITS AND COFFEE-CHOCOLATE, A ZESTY, UNUSUAL FLAVOUR, AND A PACKAGING THAT WON IT THE WORLD'S BEST LABEL OF 2014, AT THE WORLD BEER AWARDS. WELL BALANCED, AND WORTH STOPPING BY AT THE BREWERY FOR.

5 TONGERLO BLOND

Because B is for Belgian Beer. Because this Belgian brewery, Haacht, produces the World's Best Beer. And because Tongerlo Blond is also the World's Best Pale Beer. Light and fresh as beers go. And sweet and delectable as blond beers go. Duvel and Chimay may be the most popular ones to come out of Belgium, but this one certainly is kicking their butt!



06 REDOAK SPECIAL RESERVE

A craft beer, served from a beer boutique, first brewed by a 14-year-old, and now winner of the World's Best Flavoured Beer. Oh yes, we're digging this. Triple-fermented, oak-matured, with 12 per cent alcohol by volume, and with notes ranging from toffee and caramel to fruity, spicy, smoky and peppery... Bring it on, Mate!



07 ZLATY BAZANT

The national beer of Slovakia is much like its more popular cousin Pilsner Urquell, which is more popular across the Czech Republic, only lighter and fresher. There's something about the beer that you wouldn't mind a chilled glass on a cold, winter's day, either. Every restaurant, every pub across Slovakia serves it, as do those in the Czech Republic. Oh, and it's smooth as smooth can get.



08
MORIMOTO SOBA ALE

Japanese restaurateur Masahuru Morimoto created a buckwheat beer. Like liquid soba noodles. With a nutty flavour. And fizz.



MAN FACT

Ever peer into your beer glass and watched the coaster below distort? No, you're not drunk. It's called anamorphosis. In the Middle Ages, in Europe, pubs used this to show, in secret, otherwise prohibited pictures, usually erotica, to their customers. How about some olden porn! *(Courtesy: Gruut Brewery, Ghent)*

09
KEY LIME PIE

The dash of lime in your brew is old hat. This award-winning ale, from Shorts Brewing Company, Michigan, USA, is made of fresh limes, milk sugar, graham crackers and marshmallow fluff. Talk about a pudding in my pint!



10
KRIEK BOON

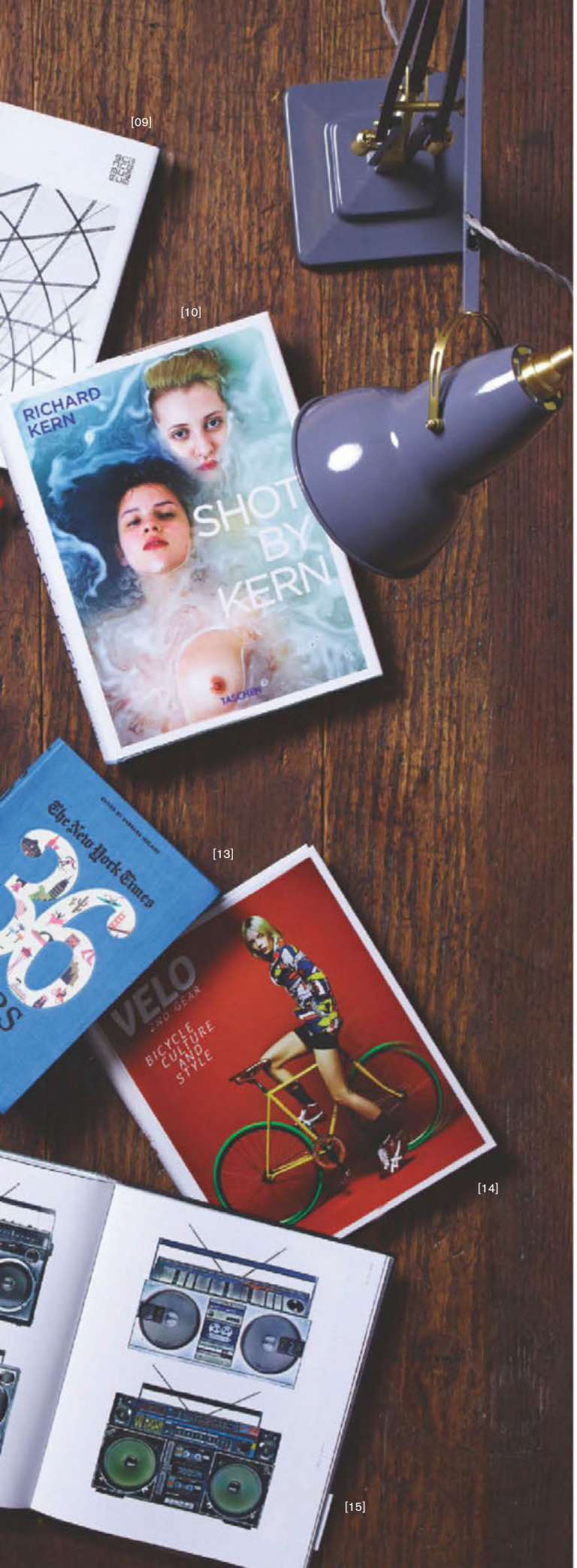
Here's one that gives popping the cherry another angle! The Belga Queen, in Ghent, Belgium (again!) serves a lambic beer with sour Morhello cherries. It's strong, it's zesty, it's sour and—no, don't let the cherries and pretty red colour fool you—it hits you like a hurricane!



THE BOOKS WORTH BUYING A COFFEE TABLE FOR

Discover the pages to lose yourself in, get inspired by, or simply to make your front room look awesome…





01 MASTER THE MALTS
This book taught us that whisky and green tea is a delicious combo. Yep, green freakin' tea. Everything else you need to better your snifter is here, too.
Whisky: The Manual, £14.99, urbanoutfitters.com

02 GO INSANE IN THE BRAIN
Prepare to have your brain, eyes and imagination fried as this meaty tome explores the effect pictures and words have our tiny minds.
The Art Of Looking Sideways, £29.95, uk.phaidon.com

03 MAN UP
Cigarettes on the pitch, silk shirts, monster moustaches – get lost in the lifestyle of the first football superstars during the manliest era the pitch has ever seen.
The Age Of Innocence: Football In The 1970s, $59.99, taschen.com

04 FIND ADVENTURE
Top surf photographer Tim Nunn adventures into the wilderness to brave bears, volcanoes and hypothermia in search for the greatest, coldest wave.
Numb: Six Years Of Cold Water Adventure, £29.99, numb.bigcartel.com

05 BOW DOWN
The undisputed king of cool, style, charisma and double denim is still, even 35 years after his death, the one actor we all aspire to. Especially after seeing these rare photos of him in full charming action.
Steve McQueen: The Actor And His Films, £39, foyles.co.uk

06 FIND YOUR NICHE
All style is cyclical, so even if you're a mod, a rocker, a grime kid or a hipster, check out this timeline of British fashion before you put your pants on.
What We Wore, £22.50, foyles.co.uk

07 REBEL AGAINST THE SYSTEM
Meet the coolest, most creative bikers who've taken their stock motorbikes and poured everything they have into turning them to pieces of custom working art.
The Ride, £45, shop.gestalten.com

08 CHILL OUT
Luke Stephenson's 3,500-mile coastal road trip picturing as many 99 ice creams as possible is proof that there's a world of awesomeness we could be filling our Instagram accounts with.
Luke Stephenson's 99x99s, £30, 99x99s.com

09 EMBRACE NERDOLOGY
Damn, the human race is impressive. Essays by top boffins such as Sir David Attenborough explore the game-changing ideas that shaped the way we communicate.
Information Age, £25, sciencemuseumshop.co.uk

10 RAISE BLOOD PRESSURES
Every man cave needs an arty nudes book, and there's none better than Kern's worldwide collection of the coolest girls next door. Perhaps slide it under the sofa when mum comes over, though.
Shot by Kern, $39.99, taschen.com

11 TAKE A BITE
If you need a slap of inspiration to grab your best mate and finally pursue that world-changing idea you've had, it's the story of burger behemoths MEATLiquor that'll do the trick.
The MEATLiquor Chronicles, £25, faber.co.uk

12 DRINK TO SUCCESS
If anything proves that alcohol is conducive to a prosperous career, it's hero author and mad boozehound Ernest Hemingway. Channel his whisky-soaked greatness with this.
To Have And Have Another, £13.37, amazon.co.uk

13 GET CULTURED
Leave work. Grab passport. Head to America. Let the best collection of insider stories of what to do and where to go guide you on an amazing adventure. Send us a postcard.
NYT 36 Hours USA & Canada, £24.99, foyles.co.uk

14 RIDE YOUR BIKE
From downtown messengers to fixie polo players, Velo explores the die-hard tribes that show two wheels can be more than just a vehicle to get you from A to B.
Velo, £32.50, shop.gestalten.com

15 MEET THE POPULATION
Hans Eijkelboom's 22-year photo project capturing 'normal' people gives a snapshot of the trends, the behaviours and, er, the bumbags that shape humanity.
People Of The Twenty-First Century, £24.95, phaidon.com

Photography: Marco Vittur. Anglepoise Brass Original 1227 Desk Lamp, £235, Anglepoise.Com

PLAN YOUR MANCATION

They say what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas, so go out there and take your best buddies for a mancation!



Hiking and biking

The busy life of Las Vegas and the casinos and nightlife is what attracts us to the city. But the surrounding areas such as Mt. Charleston with its highest elevation at 11,918 feet (3,615 meters) is a popular stop for skiing, picnicking, hiking and horseback riding. The Colorado River and Lake Mead National Recreational Area provides a natural setting for adventure.

Hot Air balloon festival

Las Vegas hosts annual Balloon Festival and Carnival The three-day event features participation of more than 100 colourful hot-air balloons from all over the world. Watch your balloon take shape before your eyes, ultimately standing more than 10 stories tall. Once fully inflated climb into the gondola and begin the adventure of a lifetime. During the flight enjoy spectacular bird's eye view of the city.



Bootleg Canyon Flightlinez

For the ultimate adrenalin experience head out to Boulder City and soar over mountains in the Bootleg Canyon Flightlinez. You can enjoy a grand view of the area's desert ecosystem. Hanging in a comfortable Para-gliding harness zip along a system of cables at 50 miles per hour at times.



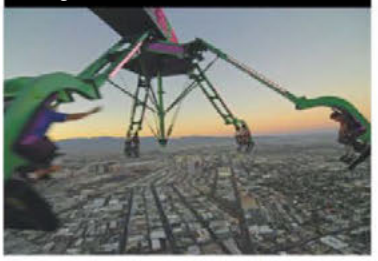
Grand Canyon Aerial Tour

Vast and majestic, colourful and beautiful, the Grand Canyon is one of the world's - most recognizable landmarks. Fly over Lake Mead, Hoover Dam and the West Rim of the Grand Canyon and the Colorado River during the tour. While taking an aerial tour over the Grand Canyon a 'Skywalk Express' is highly recommended.



Insanity

A massive mechanical arm extending out 64 feet over the edge of the Stratosphere Tower at a height of over 900 feet, this Vegas ride will spin you in the open air at speeds of up to three 'G's. You'll be propelled up to an angle of 70 degrees, which will tilt your body into one position — straight down. EXPERIENCE IT!





Big Shot

Big Shot shoots you 160 feet into the air at a force of 4Gs before letting you free-fall back to the launching pad. It is the world's highest amusement ride in terms of overall elevation above the ground level. The 160 feet (49m) tower is built atop the 921 feet (281m) high deck of stratosphere and there is no way you can the thrill! This is not for people with weak heart. So, don't force your friend into it!



Adventuredome

The theme park at Circus features 250,000 square feet of exciting and adventurous rides. 25 rides, attractions and live shows, make this a can't miss stop. During the Halloween season in Las Vegas, the theme park is transformed into a spooky spectacle with terrifying haunted houses, scare zones and quite a few other scary surprises... Ready, are you?



SkyJump

Skyjump is a "controlled free-fall" where you are plummeted 855 feet (108 floor) at a speed of up to 40 miles per hour. After being tied with a rope, you are ready to fall free and for once you feel like life is gonna end this way. But worry not, the game is safe and sound, and is tested at many levels! So who among your friends is scared of heights? Get him in first!

SOME OTHER ADVENTURE SPORTS IN INDIA

SKIING IN KASHMIR

The heaven of earth offers extreme snow sports like snowboarding, ice-skating and skiing in Gulmarg!



SCUBA DIVING IN ANDAMAN

It is famous for the Scuba divers as you go under the water for the untouched beauty of nature.



WATER SPORTS IN GOA

Jet skiing, parasailing, swimming, banana ride, snorkelling are some popular sports in Goa.



ROCK CLIMBING IN MADHYA PRADESH

The Satpura mountain range offers terrain for adventure for trekking and rock climbing.



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Flecked wool isn't just for your grandad

MUST-HAVE

GENUINE BRIT THREADS

British brand Percival prides itself on homemade craftsmanship. Founded in London, you can almost see the nation's textile heritage woven through every fibre, especially in their special flecked yard-dyed striped wool. The real winning piece in their new collection is the Whitley jacket. With a real sheepskin collar, silky-smooth suede sleeves and a striped wool body separate, this is the bomber that just about every other one doing the rounds on the high street is based on. Pair it with the matching shirt, heavy selvedge denim, chucker boots and a beanie, and Bob's your uncle: you've got yourself a kick-ass winter outfit for a date or a hike to the shops.
Jacket, ₹30,921; shirt, ₹13,795, percivalclo.com



FOOTSIES

UP YOUR SOCK GAME

Time to give your feet the special attention they deserve – you know, for all that hard work they do carrying you around all day. Get rid of those rank holey socks cluttering up your drawers and invest in the newest and bestest in town. Music kingpin Pharrell Williams is a fan of the California brand Stance and lucky for you, the range has just hit the UK. Producing the finest quality pairs around, they'll add a welcome pop to any outfit. *From ₹951, Stance socks at urbanoutffiters.com*

COLLAB

SWEATPANTS ARE BACK

Think back to 1995 when hip hop heavyweight Jay-Z wore the hell out of American sportswear brand Champion. Renowned for its logo-covered garms, if you weren't reppin' a Champion jersey, you didn't know nuttin'. This month, it's returned with its best collection yet, with the help of New York-based designer Todd Snyder. The label has gone back to classics with premium tees, silk bombers and the raddest sweatpants we've seen since Jenny returned from the block. *Sweater, ₹7,992; track pants, ₹6755, Todd Snyder x Champion at selfridges.com*



ACCESSORIES

NEW BAG?

Backpacks aren't just for schoolboys; they're bloody handy for grown men too. Here's our pick of the best for the fresh year ahead



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luke1977.com



₹17,982
sandqvist.net



₹10,941
rollersnakes.co.uk



₹3,805
burton.com

LET CLAIRE SMITH BE YOUR GUIDE TO VODKA MARTINI!

As Belvedere signs new deal with James Bond for the upcoming 007 movie, we caught up with its brand ambassador Claire Smith talking about how to shake it like Bond!



We have got to know that James Bond has been served 300 drinks in all his movies and a lot of them have been whiskeys. So what makes Vodka Martini shaken not stirred stand out?

Haha, that's quite a number! He has tried different types of alcohols but Vodka remains his favourite. And he likes the particular drink martini because it gives him a sense of himself. The Martini has got an association with Bond. It is considered as Bond's drink. So, even if he doesn't drink it in a movie, it will remain his drink. People like to call it Bond's drink.

Smirnoff was the first Vodka that was served to Bond. And now it will be Belvedere, how do you feel to be associated with the brand?

Oh, I feel very good! This is definitely one of the biggest partnerships for Belvedere and something we've been looking forward to because Belvedere is a brand that is sold in 140 countries and Bond is the most popular movie franchise and it has a legacy, just like Belvedere. So we decided to combine the two legacies with this partnership.

What is the speciality of these two special limited edition vodkas?

The Bond Martini is called the Reverse Vesper which is basically the inverted version of the real drink that Bond describes in Casino Royale. So basically, instead of the 3 part Gin and half ounce Vodka, we have used 3 parts Vodka.

Can we see you offering the martini to James Bond in the next movie?

Oh, they won't be able to afford me. I am very expensive. On a serious note, I will not be there in the movie. Sorry! (haha)

What are some interesting ways to pair a cocktail with food?

Well, there are a lot of different ways to pair cocktails. It has to either complement or contrast the food. For instance, you can team a spicy meal that has different flavours with a sweet and refreshing drink to balance it out. It's all about balancing it out. In terms of garnishes, there is so much more to experiment with. It is just about the taste!

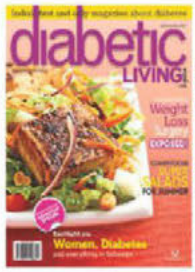
How would you serve a man to get in the mood?

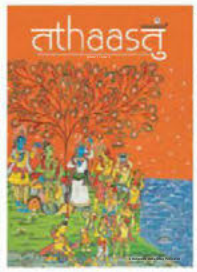
A. There are different ways to do it. It all depends on the mood, you know! Hahaha!

What's your favourite cocktail?

A. I have very varied taste. My taste depends on where I am. If I am at the beach, I won't obviously order a martini. I would want a pina colada. And same way, if I am home, I would want a good vodka cocktail.

















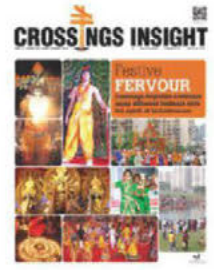


















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CAN TECH GYM GEAR LOOK COOL?

Getting fit while looking sharp isn't an impossibility



GET YOUR COAT

Throwing on any old hoody for the journey to the gym just wont cut it. Go for a lightweight ventilated jacket so if you fancy jogging to the joint, you won't turn up with sweat patches the size of Lake Como.

STAY LOOSE

Some tech tops are so tight they always show the nips, cold or not. Thankfully, the Adidas range of climate response tees sweep the sweat away from the skin but don't stick to you like cling film.

CUT IT SHORT

When it says 'ventilating mesh section at crotch' on the label, it's almost too much information – but no one wants sweaty balls after 10 push-ups. Our favourite high street shop H&M smashes it when it comes to sportswear that delivers on design and function, round your groin and beyond.

PULL YOUR SOCKS UP

Make sure everyone knows you mean business when you step on to the treadmill with a retro pair of tennis pull-ups. These '90s vibe ones have serious street cred – well, as far as socks go.

KICK OFF IN COOL CREPS

Your trainers of choice are vital to your look and your running technique. Wearing your Converse is a school-boy error. Go for a faithful wearable tech brand like Nike, and a pair like these Free Run 2s.

Water Cooler, ₹25,895, Watercoolersdirect.Com. Jacket, ₹15,347, Nike.Com. Top, ₹2,109, Adidas.Co.In. Shorts, ₹1,916, Fhm.Com. Socks, ₹954, Rascals at Iquorstoreclothing.com. Trainers, ₹7,675, Nike At Jdsports.Co.Uk

THE BEST WORKOUT UPGRADES



THE ACCESSORIES

Here's a bit of kit that'll make those power laps less drab. Invest in Huawei's B1 Talkband; it'll track your steps, heart rate and connect to Bluetooth so you can take a call on your lunch time run.

ARM BAND, ₹2,399, NIKE AT JDSPORTS.COM. ISPORT HEADPHONES, ₹12,476, MONSTERPRODUCTS.COM. SPORTS WATCH, ₹8,637, HUAWEI AT AMAZON.CO.UK. TOWEL, ₹958, NIKE AT SPORTSDIRECT.COM



THE GYM BAG

Feeling comfortable in your outfit is just as important as your weight regime – and these Björn Borg active ventilation shorts will help you keep your cool, in both senses of the word.

SOCKS, ₹1,246, STANCE AT SURFDOME.COM. WATER BOTTLE, ₹671, NIKE AT JDSPORTS.COM. BAG, ₹2,687, CONVERSE AT SURFDOME.COM. PANTS, ₹3,360, BJORNBORG.COM



THE TOP HALF

Fitness gear has never been more fashion influenced. K-Way's camo windbreaker shows you know your stuff when it comes to style and your workouts.

JACKET, ₹5,278, K-WAY.CO.UK.



THE BOTTOM HALF

Reebok's crossfit range will take away the pain and bring only joy into your life. These training tights are on trend and they have flat-lock stitching in the groin to deter chafing.

SHORTS, ₹2,878, ADIDAS.COM. COMPRESSION LEGGINGS, ₹5,757, REEBOK.COM

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Salomon at Amazon.in



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₹5,710
lecoqsportif.com

GYM ROLE MODELS



JOSEPH GORDON-LEVITT IN DON JON

A chronic wanker, but his gym get-up was spot on.



TOM CRUISE IN TOP GUN

Hey, nipples and sunnies were OK in the '80s! Right?



JOHN TRAVOLTA IN GREASE

The college varsity style is big right now, but do resist the urge to sing as you pump.



BEN STILLER IN DODGEBALL

Spandex x tache is a statement. A bad one.



WILL FERRELL IN ANCHORMAN

Keep those weights out the office and your shirt on.

FITNESS FAILS

10 CAMPING must-haves

Winters are over and summers are here. So get up and get out. But don't leave without these essentials



1 TENT

The first thing you need to sort out are the sleeping arrangements. Because shivering in the cold and getting drenched in the rain are for masochist. Real men deserve a good night's rest. Even in the wilderness. What you need then, is a tent. What kind, will depend on the kind of use it will be put through. If a few days in the rain forest is your thing, you should be looking at a waterproof one. On the other hand, if the desert is your kingdom, you'd be better off with something which allows for better ventilation. Another factor to consider is the number of people that will be using it.

FROM: ₹5,000



2 SLEEPING BAG

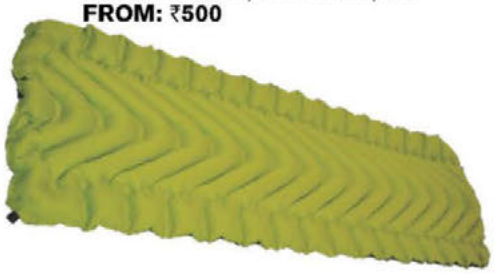
A good sleeping bag is a camper's best friend. It keeps the cold outside and you, nice and toasty inside. Consider the temperature rating, shape, weight and the filling material when buying one. The smaller and lighter the bag, the easier it will be to carry.

FROM: ₹1,000

3 SLEEPING PAD

Couple a sleeping pad to your sleeping bag and you will be much more comfortable. It gives cushioning and adds a layer of insulation. We suggest you go for at least a 72 inch length pad so your shoulders and hips fit on the pad.

FROM: ₹500



4 BASE LAYER CLOTHING

When trekking or exploring the wilderness, you'll be best served having a base layer underneath. It will keep you dry and acts as a second skin. Go for synthetic material for hot climes and wool construction for cold temperatures. Shirts and bottoms are sold separately although onesies are also available if you like that sort of thing. We're not judging.

FROM: ₹500



5 HIKING BOOTS

Out camping, expecting your sneakers to hold up is like committing hara-kiri. Invest in a pair of hiking shoes instead. For shorter hikes or mild trails, a pair of light weight, flexible hiking shoes should do. For rough terrain, a pair of high ankle boots are a must.

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6 BACKPACK

All that stuff will not carry itself, so pick a backpack wisely. We suggest a 55 litre pack volume. Do note, that the volume of the backpack is not an indicator of the actual size

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7 CAMPING KNIFE

Whether it's hunting fish or making a camp fire, a knife can be an infinitely useful tool. You can either buy a fixed blade knife or a multi tool kit, based on your requirements. We however suggest the former. Fixed blade knives are available in 3-inch to 7-inch varieties. If you are going to traverse through dense vegetation, you'll be better off with a larger knife. Most campers carry one large and one small one. The second criteria to consider is the quality. Buy a stainless stell blade with a durable polycarbonate handle.

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8 STOVE

A stove is what you'll need when hunger kicks in. These are two types: cartridge and liquid fuel type. Cartridge type are pretty much maintenance free and light. Liquid fuel types can be a bit difficult to operate. Just don't set the forest on fire.

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9 FLASHLIGHT

A flashlight is your only source of light after the sun sets. The most important bit when buying one is a strong beam of light. The longer the range and wider the spread of light, the better it is.

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10 OUTER LAYER CLOTHING

The best way to beat the cold is by dressing in layers of clothing. Depending on how cold it is, go for a basic windbreaker or fleece material.

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Words: Abhishek Saksena



Lois: FHM*'s go-to scent smeller*

Can a hot girl guess the scent?

Last year, celebrity fragrances raked in over $1.3 billion dollars. We got *FHM* Girlfriend Lois to give the best-selling star-powered smellies a whiff…

Celeb	The lowdown	Lois's test	Celeb guess	FHM's verdict
01 **Antonio Banderas: The Secret** ₹3,616 (100ml)	**The spicy composition from the suave Spaniard that rebooted *Zorro* and, erm… *Puss in Boots*.**	**"This is the smell of someone who spends too much time in nightclubs and doesn't stop pestering you. If you bought this you'd probably bathe in it."**	**"Probably Dapper Laughs or someone that thinks they're a bit of a 'lad.'"**	**The scent of an overbearing lothario getting all up in your girlfriend's grill on a crowded European dancefloor.** **2/5**
02 **David Beckham: Classic** ₹3,140 (90ml)	The smell of Britain's favourite left foot and arguably one of the most important style icons of the last decade.	"I really like it but it's maybe more like something I'd wear – it's slightly effeminate, but it does smell expensive."	"It must have been made by a female celebrity, someone classy… Keira Knightley?"	The metrosexual smell for the modern man that's every bit as comfortable in a sarong as they are in a tuxedo. **4/5**
03 **Rihanna: Rogue Man** ₹5,118 (100ml)	**Sassy pop queen Rihanna's fifth fragrance but the first aimed at men. RiRi calls it a "dream come true" for your nostrils.**	**"Wow, it's pretty strong, I think I'm going to sneeze. It's like pastry stirred up with potpourri. It's weirdly clinical like ladies' shower gel."**	**"It's not a man of the world… it's too sickly and cheap. I'd probably say One Direction."**	**RiRi's fragrance has gone so rogue it's practically fallen off the grid of good taste.** **1/5**
04 **Usher: Usher** ₹3,778 (100ml)	The celebrity scent so good, Usher named it after himself. Or as creepily enthusiastic Amazon reviewer Zander describes it: "sex in a bottle".	"This is my favorite. It's citrus-like and delicious. It smells really sexy. I'd be impressed by this."	"It's really fresh, maybe a beachy, surf guy or someone cool that plays sports. Beckham?"	Sure, it's packaged in a cheap bottle and Usher hasn't had a relevant hit in a while but when it comes to smellies, he's king. **5/5** Winner!

FHM

Girlfriend

KIERA

Say a sexy hello to this library-loving Devonshire hottie…

Nadia King

Chris Sayer



FHM: **Hi Kiera. First of all, tell us something nobody else knows about you.**

Kiera: It's not a secret, but not a lot of people know I have a first-class degree in English Literature.

A first? So was uni all work and no play then?

I was pretty clever about it. I worked in nightclubs and danced on podiums, so I could still party hard, but I wasn't so hungover I couldn't nerd out the next morning in the library.

Did you find the secret porn section in your uni library?

Oh my God – the library was actually the most sexually charged place on the campus. In my first week I walked into the toilets there and I saw four feet in the cubicle next to me. They were really going for it before they heard me walk in there. I felt bad because I may have ruined a beautiful romance in the first week of uni.

You should have knocked on the door and apologised.

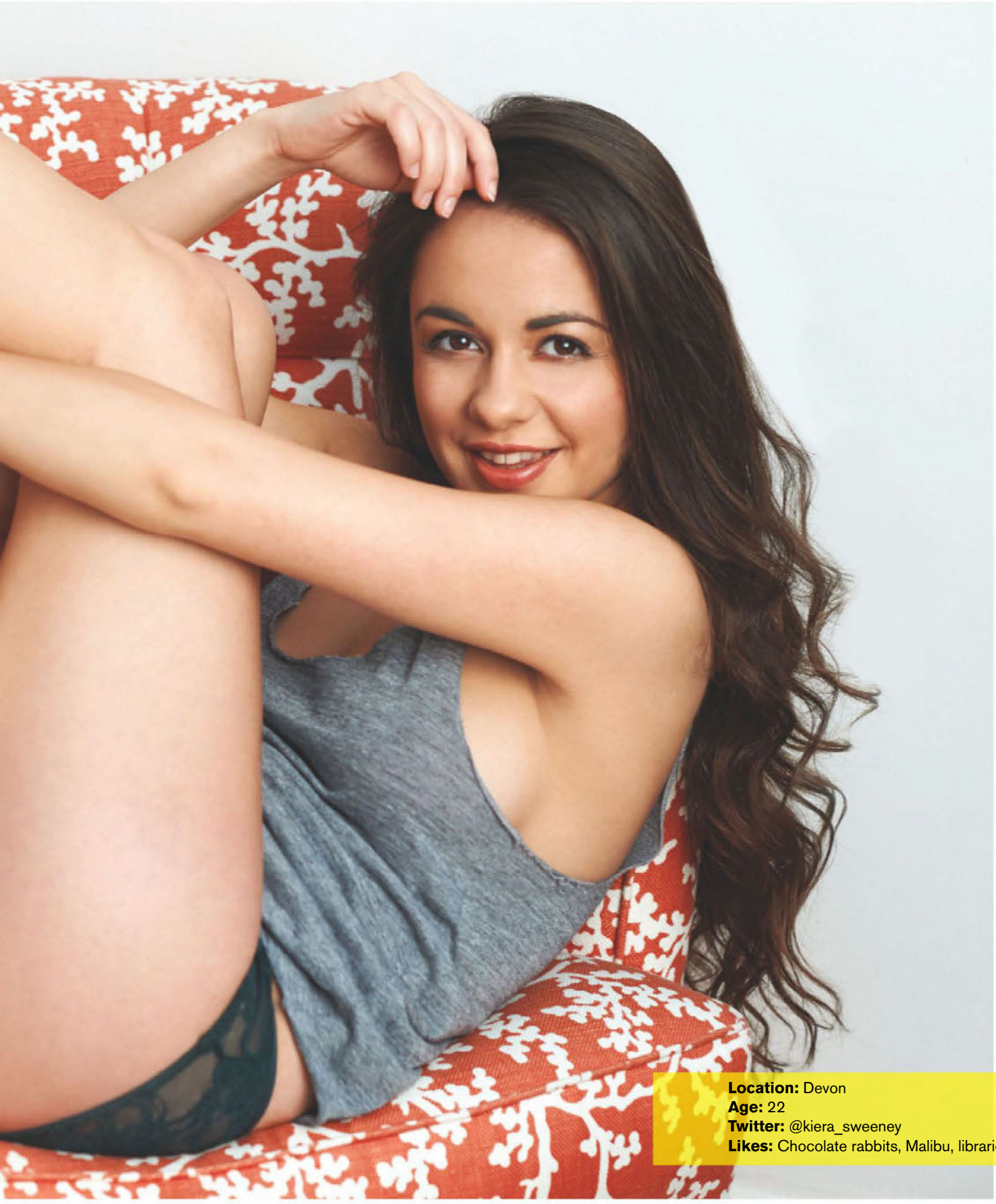
Er, no. But I would've waited to say sorry, if that didn't make me look like a weirdo.

You went on a trip to Australia last year, right?

I did! I went on a big holiday on my own. I just went for it, cancelled everything and went out for a mini gap year all by myself. I basically sunbathed for six weeks because I spent all my money too quickly.

Did you pick up any barbecue grilling skills?

Sadly not. Not a shrimp on a barbie to be seen.



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Did any of the Australian guys teach you Shrimp Shrimp Ball?
Shrimp shrimp what?
It's a national sport out there. A group of three guys get together, two put shrimps in their flies, one pokes a bit of ball out, and the girl has to guess which is the ball.
What the heck? Who is that supposed to be fun for? You'd think the hairiness would make it easy…
Apparently not. And did you know that the inside of a kangaroo's pouch is hotter than the inside of a Pop-Tart?
That's the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard.
OK. So if we went to Australia with you tomorrow, where would you take us?
To the waterfalls. You could take hot pictures of me underneath them.
Like Peter Andre in the *Mysterious Girl* video?
Exactly like that. I went there just to re-enact that video.
We're heading into spring now. Would you ever party hard at Spring Break?
Like the film? I love it. I'd re-enact that too. I'd want to be like the Selena Gomez character, because she's super-hot. But people say I look like Vanessa Hudgens, so I could totally be naughty like her. I wouldn't do any of the crimes, but I'd hang out with James Franco.
Finally, *FHM*'s 100 Sexiest is coming up. Who gets your vote?
Apart from the obvious ones? The lady from the Scottish Widows advert has still got it. I'm totally mesmerised by her hotness.

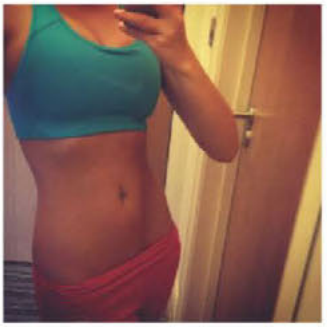
KIERA'S LIFE IN PICTURES



Eat your heart out!



Can I go back to Australia now, please?



People really should start taking #gymkitselfies



My feet after a pedicure session!

Styling: Hayley Lawrence. Hair and make-up: Becky Rule. Vest, American Apparel. Knickers, calvinklein.com



QUICK-FIRE ROUND

12 toes or eight fingers?
What? Honestly? The toes.
Supersize or Superman?
Superman. He's got a six-pack.
Jon Bon Jovi or John West tuna?
I don't know what the second one is. Bon Jovi.
Rock or dance?
Neither. R'n'B.
Hummus or guacamole?
I make great guacamole cookies. They're so good.
Pool or sea?
Always the sea.
Snapchat or Tinder?
Tinder. I've met some good people on it.
Candy Crush or Flappy Bird?
I don't do games.
Football or rugby?
Rugby… players.
Easter egg or Easter Island?
Eggs. I'm a chocolate fiend.

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THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

EIGHT THINGS YOU ONLY DO IN FRONT OF A GIRLFRIEND AFTER SIX MONTHS



08
PICK YOUR NOSE

You wouldn't blatantly de-bogey yourself in front of your girlfriend but you will risk picking your nose while she's not looking. And when she catches you knuckle-deep in nostril-gunge, you'll both pretend it never happened, and that the end of your romance didn't just begin.

07
HAVE A BATH

Having a shower is manly: you're standing in a red-hot rainstorm. A bath, however, is not something that a fully-grown man should do in front of a woman during the early stages of their relationship. Jesus, just look at you, with your soothing Radox bubbles, and your little flannel, and your unruly cock and balls swaying about the place. Unless you're a weather-beaten oil-rig worker who's just returned from a gruelling six-week shift, steer well clear of tubs.

06
ATTEMPT A POTENTIALLY IMPOSSIBLE TASK

During those first six months, you're looking to give her the impression that while you're a freakishly strong he-man capable of lifting 20 times your own body weight, you're also lovably humble, and don't wish to show off your incredible brawn. That's why you didn't offer to help her grandpa when he couldn't get the lid off that jar of pickled onions. It certainly wasn't because you were afraid you wouldn't be able to do it either, and you'd look like a flimsy-armed weakling. Good gracious no.

05
REVEAL YOUR LOVE OF LOWBROW CRAP

You have 24 Taylor Swift songs on your phone; you've seen every single episode of Geordie Shore; and you've paid actual money to sit in a cinema and watch a Transformers movie, not once, but twice. Of course, none of this is information you'll share during the wooing stages, when you're trying to give the impression that you're a cool, cultured hipster who's definitely not into watching Storage Wars.

04
EXPERIENCE REAL PAIN

You still feel pain during those first six months, but you'll shake off any injury like you're a US marine in an '80s action movie. Electric shock from the toaster while making your girlfriend crumpets? You may want to curl into the foetal position but you'll simply wince, chuckle and blow on your fingers a little before scuttling off to the bathroom to wipe away tears and bite down hard on your lip.

03
SPIN AN ELABORATE LIE

Only when you're deeply in love and completely at ease with someone is it possible (or necessary) to spin them an elaborate web of bullshit while maintaining the deadpan, sincere expression of a psychopath lying during a murder trial.

02
ADOPT UNFLATTERING POSES WHILE NAKED

In the early stages of a relationship, you seek to remain suavely irresistible at all times, particularly when nude in front of your ladyfriend. That's why you'll avoid bending over and giving her an eyeful of bumhole, or striding around the bedroom in just t-shirt and socks. Six months in, however, and all bets are off: you're sat on the edge of the mattress, naked but for a pair of whiffy Primark slippers, knackers forlornly draped against the bed-frame as you blankly peel away strips of dried skin from your heels…

01
ADMIT TO HAVING MASTURBATED

Deep down, she knows that if you're left alone with a WiFi connection and three spare hours, you will fall prey to the sordid pleasures of porn-powered self-abuse. But during those first few months, neither of you will confront that fact. On the contrary, you might even share a joke or two about the kind of sleazeball who engages in such behaviour. Haha, those sweaty-palmed pervs, with their complete lack of self-control! Hahaaa. It's so gross. Who does that?!



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